

Submission
No 182

**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE CBD AND SOUTH EAST
LIGHT RAIL PROJECT**

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Thank you for the opportunity to make a Submission to the Inquiry.

In particular, I am concerned about the impact on local business and communities as a result of the project.

My specific concerns follow:

1. Capacity of light rail

The light rail project is supposed to be taking buses off the road to reduce the traffic but I just don't see how that is going to happen. Buses are able to move in and out of traffic and be driven and stored in depots. They do not need a track and can be increased or decreased based on demand. The light rail is taking up two lanes at all times as well as the stops that will need all types buildings, platforms etc. the vehicles need to be stored somewhere near the track, and key public parkland has been taken over for this. The capacity of buses are currently 20,000 per hour. If the light rail runs at high speed and are extra long, as a service it can only take 7000 people an hour max. A whole lot of apartments are being built along the route which means we will not be able to reduce buses, the light rail will only take the additional thousands they want to move into the area which means the current traffic conditions that we have been enduring along Anzac parade will not b

e eased. This road used to work really well. All that was needed was a big investment in zero emission buses to support the increase of population in peak hours.

#2. Servicing the race course It seems the light rail is in place to make the travel to and from the race course more appealing. The NSW state government seems very pro-gambling to me. Gambling destroys families and lives. I don't think it is a positive thing to support.

#3. Traffic conditions and delays Anzac parade used to be an amazing road and some of the key trees cut down used to provide wonderful shade when you were waiting at the lights. In summer, they made a massive difference. The current roadworks means bus trips into the city to work that used to take 40 minutes can take an 1hr and 20 minutes. Considering how hard we work in Sydney, this extra time has a roll on effect on our personal lives and family time. With the increase of population in the area, I don't see this changing.

Better solution: All the issues we are facing could have been so easily dealt with by investing in cutting edge zero emission buses.

Long term issues:

- system will become outdated

Now we are stuck with a hugely expensive service that will soon be outdated by new technology. It is stuck in the ground and the tracks and stops will be taking up road space 24/7, making Anzac Parade as a main road constantly compromised by the infrastructure. When new technology is developed it will need to be ripped up and/or the vehicles replaced.

- track works

Any issues with the tracks will make the whole route unusable, when this happens because it will, we will need extra buses anyway but in restricted space as the light rail line will be taking up half of the road.

Decision makers: It seems common sense did not prevail and for sure proper consultation was not undertaken to explore all options. It seems to me that corruption was at play and that someone had something to gain from making this decision. Certainly those effected we're not consulted. It is extremely annoying as our tax dollars were used to make our lives more difficult.

Thank you for considering my Submission.

Yours sincerely,

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