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

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To the Public Accountability in relation to the light rail.

After an ongoing almost 2 year disaster, i'm not sure where to begin.

It all began in September/October 2016. My daughter was sitting for her HSC. Year 12 High school certificate. Initially, as there were 2 students in the block they said that they'd try to keep noise to a minimum the night before exams. They did initially - English and Maths. The other subjects weren't considered important enough. Though this was her uni life that was being chosen. We had to endure loud noise, cutting bitumen, cement, trees from 10 pm till 2 am many nights. There were many consecutive nights despite us being told there wouldn't be.

* So many sleepless nights by all. These still occur with the lights outside my house - Corner John St and Alison Rd continually being altered. Cement medium strips being built. Then there's the trials-de de de de , the sound we now hear on top of increased car noise.

* I forgot to mention the dust as well.

*We lost all our on street parking. Visitors have no where to park. Delivery people have no where to stop and often won't! We then need to go to an address given by them to pick it up. In a world where online shopping is taking over, this is very inconvenient!

*not to mention the no parked cars out the front now means we have no noise buffer. The road was 2 lanes in each direction with an extra either side and a cement median strip. We now have all 4 lanes of traffic squeezed onto our side of the road. The noise is way worse. Not to mention the danger of trucks, buses, cars honking up the street right next to the footpath. There is no room for error. There have been numerous accidents between Cowper St, Randwick and Darley Rd, Randwick on Alison Rd during the changes. It is very unsafe walking in the street. May i add the danger of the cyclists who have chosen the footpath as a safer option than riding on Alison Rd. To and from work daily. I need to look out of the gate before i step on to the footpath and hold the dog back. residents are at risk daily by professional cyclists riding on the footpath to and from the city.

*I am also a grandma who is too scared to push the baby along that footpath.

*We had a beautiful view over the racecourse. We lost it for 18 months. It was so depressing looking at the works and ugly fence i avoided going to the front door. The only time i really used it was to get mail if delivered. It is amazing how wonderful it is to have it back now and how open the street looks again. Though still ugly with the wires etc.

*The leafy nature of Randwick has been destroyed. It is depressing to walk along Alison RD. There is no shade walking to Anzac Pde, waiting at the lights in summer is terribly hot.

***AND NOW THE MORE SERIOUS ISSUE - FLOODING!!**

I have lived here for 17 years. The light rail was supposed to deal with the flooding. They have indeed making it way worse than it ever was. Last week access to our houses from the front was lost due to all the water.

Recently our street Alison Road has flooded so badly the 2 lanes heading to Randwick were blocked by a torrent of water. I have photos. Waves of water go over our houses if cars are in curb lane. Water comes in waves to our front steps. I have photos.

The other day a poor lady was pushing a pram with waves of water from cars spraying her and the pram, she had no where to go. It happened several times last week.

*Then there is the community garden that we all contributed out the front of 18- 32 Alison RD. It had been there for 10 years and was lovely. Months ago we were told we needed to remove everything if we didn't want to lose it. So we did as asked. Atleast 2 months later its

still a destroyed stretch of garden. The new one promised has never arrived. More ugliness to the area.

*My house- i'm sure my home suffered damage during construction . The bottles on a cupboard at the back of my house rattled from the vibration. I even had a vibration monitor in my yard during minor work- i was told they were amazed at the vibration level. It was never delivered during major work. The cars being closer to my house has increased the vibration and noise. The increased use of Alison Rd by trucks and their braking at 4 am etc is also contributing to lack of sleep. Horns are constantly blasting during peak hours.

I can't access Alison Rd from my house due to banked up traffic. Getting to and from the back lane at peak periods can take 1/2 hr from King st! Due to cars queued through Alison Rd lights and back up King st.

Even leaving the lane was a disaster until a few weeks ago when council put a keep clear sign at the end, finally.

Traffic in general in the entire suburb is a disaster. It takes double the time to get anywhere! Stress! STRESS!

*Access to our house has often been restricted.

*New cement footpath out the front has been spray painted everywhere and is extremely ugly, as is the bitumen strip cut up by light rail groups.

*Tradesmen don't like working here. No where to stop out the front. Fencer and roofer have been affected at my place. They can't drop the materials where they are needed.

The list could go on.

Overall, Randwick has never looked so ugly. It's a construction cement zone now, whilst it used to be a very green area. They should never have been allowed to destroy such a beautiful area.

The racecourse stop should have been on their land. Their politics should never have been allowed to ruin Centennial Park, historical Aboriginal land and artifacts. It's a disgrace.

The entire hole dug at Alison Rd / Anzac Pde intersection, now apparently can't be used!

More greenery to be destroyed in the future.

And the waste of money, and delays after delays.

Please try to ensure no more destruction occurs. What's done can't be undone. Let's start preserving what's left for the environment and residents sake.

A very disappointed Sam Markwick