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

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As a resident of Surry Hills, and a frequent Centennial Park user, I have been most dismayed at the callous manner in which beautiful, very old, but very healthy fig trees and other native trees were destroyed for the CBD 'light rail' construction. I am also annoyed that so much parkland has been taken for the CBD 'light rail' construction. Parkland is the soft option, so the government just takes what it thinks it needs and the losers are the community and the few native animals that remain.

Furthermore the traffic congestion is absolutely intolerable. Inner City Sydney has lost its beauty, interest and charm!!

In this time of climate change, the last thing any politician should agree to is the destruction of absolutely essential tree canopy in cities (and in regional areas). There is a significant reduction in temperature where trees are present, particularly along busy roads where people are waiting for buses and other forms of transport in the CBD.

The magnificent avenue of planting along Anzac Parade of Port Jackson & Moreton Bay fig trees should have been protected forever. Now that many trees have been destroyed and many are dying due to the impact of the construction works, the aftermath is that the avenue planting dedicated to the Anzacs of World War 1 has been desecrated, the birds, flying-foxes & possums that used to feed on them are gone and the verdant amenity of the area has been severely diminished.

My family & I have certainly been negatively impacted by the CBD light rail.

Yours sincerely,

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