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## SSI – 19238057 – MOD 1 Sydney Metro West Tunnelling

We have received advice regarding proposed changes to the Eastern Tunnelling Package for the Sydney Metro West.

A major change in the plan is to raise the level of the tunnels under the area in Pyrmont bounded by Pyrmont Street, Union Square and Paternoster Row. Instead of the originally proposed depths, e.g., top of the tunnels 38 m below the heritage terrace houses in Pyrmont Street, these have been reduced by well over a third, e.g., 23 m below the Pyrmont Street houses.

This change - presumably made to cut the cost of tunnelling - has the following major consequences:

1. Increased risk of damage to the houses in this area;
2. Increased noise and vibration within the houses during tunnelling;
3. Once the work is complete, increased risk that the noise and vibration caused by trains will be disturbing to people living in the area.

We oppose this modification and if, despite our opposition, the MOD is approved we ask that ALL heritage and other buildings likely to be affected be independently inspected prior to the start of the work; provision of temporary suitable accommodation for residents whose amenity, particularly at night, will be compromised; and rectification of any damage on completion of the tunnelling.

We ask that our previous submission be read in conjunction with this submission.

Yours sincerely,

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