

Proposed Changes to South East Light Rail System

We object to the proposed changes to this project because it changes so many basic concepts that was presented to the public a little over a year ago & was approved by the Minister in that form.

If these changes were to help the environment, to assist safety or to improve the service to the general public then we would support them but it appears to us that the changes proposed are designed to assist two stakeholders (ATC & UNSW) who seem to have an unhealthy say in this project.

We can't understand how having the ATC stop on the opposite side of the road to the race course can help anyone except the ATC which will be able to retain the bus way & their current entrance.

This has got to be a safety issue with all those people crossing 6 lanes of traffic with many not waiting for the lights. These pedestrian lights would also increase traffic congestion along Alison Rd, Doncaster Ave & Darley Rd

Also the new stop will have a signifying effect on the environment requiring more trees to be removed & the building of the new retaining wall also the loss of the bike track paid for by the Randwick Residents.

We were under the impression that this was a LIGHT Rail System but the proposed new vehicles look more like the XPT.

There will be more noise.

These vehicles are a lot higher.

The length & increased weight would have to make them less safe as in an emergency the driver will not be able to pull up as quickly. Also it increases the responsibility of the drive with an increase of more than 50% in passengers & more difficulty to see the extra length of the train.

We live on Doncaster Ave & our unit looks over the proposed stabling yard. The proposed new noisier vehicle will affect us, as we will have these vehicles moving about the yard 24/7.

The proposed acoustic fence is much too close to our boundary (about 3 meters) & the effective height of 8 meters from our ground level is far too high.

The 2-meter increase in the ground level is unwarranted as we are sure that these vehicles could cope with an incline of 2 meters over some 200 meters.

The current work site at 66a Doncaster Ave. is located towards Ascot St. as a major area of the site at the Alison Rd end need to be leveled before it can be used. We, as members of the Doncaster Avenue Action Group, have requested that this be leveled before the next Contractor takes position so that the majority of the work site is further away from residents & is screened by the existing trees.

We do understand that an acoustic fence will be built between us & the Stabling Yard & that established trees would be planted between them. Our request is that these trees be plant as soon as possible so that they have as much time as possible to grow & help screen the acoustic fence.

