

I wish to strongly object to the ludicrously large trams that are proposed to run through the streets of inner Sydney. They are too long and dangerous and will pose significant traffic problems for the region.

We currently have an excellent network of buses running to many different places in the eastern suburbs that will be eliminated and replaced by a light rail system with no flexibility, lower capacity, longer travel times, larger distances between stops and higher cost to travellers. WHY ON EARTH WOULD ANYONE USE THEM??

If a tram breaks down, the whole system stops. There is no way to divert trams around other trams, no way to deal with blockages on the network, like parked cars, traffic jams etc. I have seen this exact issues cause a halt to the tram networks in Edinburgh, Helsinki and Melbourne. This light rail is not travelling on dedicated roads, it has many level crossings with major traffic routes like South Dowling Street, Anzac parade and Alison Road. Not to mention that it will remove access to Centennial Park from Alison Rd to the Main Gate in Daley Road and Daley Road access to Alison heading west is unworkable.

Surely the point of spending millions, sorry billions of dollars is to improve transport not make it worse. In this project you will achieve:

- Less capacity
- Greater distances between stops
- Higher fares
- More inter-changes
- Less frequent services
- Reduced areas of service
- No ability to deal with crashes, traffic jams, or breakdowns
- Removal of parklands and trees
- Loss of parking spaces in the inner city and Randwick
- Loss of access to properties and businesses as roads are cut off

If you instead built an underground train you could:

- increase capacity as you are not competing with or disrupting road transport
- achieve shorter distances between stops as they can be placed almost anywhere
- increase the frequency of services as you are not competing with or disrupting road transport
- Not have to worry about car crashes, traffic jams, or breakdowns
- Not removal any parkland or trees
- No loss of parking spaces in the inner city and Randwick
- No loss of access to properties and businesses as roads are not impacted

Please do not waste my hard earned tax on a project that has absolutely no benefit. Reduction of cars and buses in the CBD can be achieved by the city light rail alone without the need for a limited capacity light rail destroying the suburbs of Surry Hills and Randwick.