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Director-General
NSW Planning & Infrastructure
23-33 Bridge Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE CBD AND SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL

The Owners Corporations Network of Australia Limited (OCN), established in 2002, represents the interests and rights of owners in residential strata, company and community title schemes. Among our members are approximately 60 apartment buildings in the Sydney City Centre.

OCN is concerned about the proposals to relocate special events currently held along George and Alfred Street. Volume 2 of the EIS, Technical Paper 1, Transport Operations Report states as follows:

To minimize the impact of CBD Special Events on CSELR operations, the Government should assess the capacity of events to be suitably relocated elsewhere in the CBD.

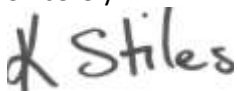
Our Sydney City Centre members are impacted by the ever increasing number of special events involving road closures and parking restrictions in the City Centre. These events inconvenience residents, cause noise, sometimes require special security arrangements and occasionally lead to property damage.

We believe that special events should be more widely spread among locations with good public transport and not so concentrated in the City Centre. While some special events, eg the ANZAC day parades, have a strong logical connection to the City Centre, many others do not. Those which do not have a good logical connection to the City Centre should be allowed in say once every three or four years, but not every year. This will also stimulate interest and spending in more areas of Sydney.

If the existing special events are relocated within the CBD without any overall reduction, it is inevitable that some streets will be overburdened.

We request that Transport for NSW conduct public consultation before allowing a new or relocated special event on any street in the City Centre.

Sincerely



Executive Officer

Cc Lord Mayor, City of Sydney

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