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RESPONSE TO THE CBD & SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL PROJECT – EIS

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

I fully endorse the submission from the Robertson Rd. Residents' Association and in particular its recognition of the worthiness of the overall CSELR project, however as a long term resident (since 1979) of one of the two homes closest to the proposed light rail/bus routing and split-off at the Anzac Rd./Allison Rd. intersection I am concerned at the lack of detail provided in the Environmental Impact Statement Overview.

After attending informative community information sessions at both the Eastern Suburbs Masonic Centre and the Surry Hills Library and being ably attended to by courteous and attentive staff I was still unable to ascertain the detail necessary to accurately gauge the negative impact this project may have on my residential precinct.

Specifically my concerns are:

1. The negative visual and environmental impact resulting from the removal of two large fig trees and one poplar tree at Anzac Rd./Allison Rd. intersection.
2. No detail of proposed remedial work (replanting of trees and sound limiting earthen mounds etc).
3. The lack of information regarding the adjacent bus terminal building and proposed landscaping of the surrounding area.
4. No proposed light rail stop at Robertson Rd "split off".
5. No information regarding the removal or not of the existing bus stops and subsequent frequency of services on the "bus road".
6. The proposed use of the "bus road" parallel to Alison Rd. for both buses and light rail

Having experienced the disappointment of failed promises to adequately screen the existing 'bus road' when it was introduced some 20years ago, points 1&2 are of particular concern to residents at the bottom end of Martin & Robertson Roads.

The Anzac Rd./Allison Rd. intersection is already one of the precincts busiest intersections and will only get busier, creating an ever increasing negative impact. I respectfully suggest there is an opportunity to properly address the issues of visual impact, noise pollution and vehicle exhaust pollution as part of the overall project and as a trade-off to the removal of very significant trees, the introduction of the light rail service, and the increased use of the "bus road".

Yours sincerely

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