

Dear NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure,

This submission is in response to the Sydney CBD and South East Light Rail Project design EIS currently on exhibition.

I support the overall goal of the project, which is to provide a more reliable public transport option for commuters and event-goers. However the current design would have significantly adverse impacts on Randwick's environment & heritage.

As someone who lives on the proposed route on the light rail (32 Alison Road Randwick) and will be directly affected, I hold some strong objections to the current design:

I object to the removal of parking in front of my property on 32 Alison Road.

Local residents on Alison Road (between John and Cowper streets) have not been engaged to discuss the loss of parking (potential loss of house values) increase in noise and vibrations levels. I have attached recent correspondence between myself and Transport NSW.

- Alternate light rail alignment should be investigated in order to minimise loss of parking.

This alignment should be redirected into Royal Randwick Racecourse land. This would maximise potential for significant tree and parking retention and minimize noise and vibration issues for local residents.

I object to the removal of a large number of trees, including significant trees

- The current design would involve the removal of a total of **760** trees (including **280** in Randwick and **160** along the Kensington/Kingsford corridor). Such tree removal would result in significant losses of heritage & amenity value for these areas and residents. The psychological benefits these trees currently provide would also be lost.

- Such tree loss would also present a significant loss of habitat for the endangered grey-headed flying fox, and other native wildlife.

- Light rail design should be reviewed and adjusted to avoid the loss of existing mature, healthy trees, especially in the areas of High Cross Park, Alison Road/Randwick Racecourse, Anzac

Parade/Alison Road, and Wansey Road/Randwick Racecourse.

- Trees along Alison Road/Randwick Racecourse, which are mature (around 100 years old) & healthy, and which provide significant visual, amenity & heritage value for residents and visitors, are set to be almost wholly and permanently removed. This is unacceptable. This can and should be avoided with repositioning of the Light Rail alignment.
- Wire-free running (as planned for the George Street alignment) should be applied wherever possible, to avoid impacts on tree canopies and wildlife.

I object to the proposed light rail alignment on Wansey Road.

- The proposed alignment would result in the removal of a large number of significant trees that positively contribute to the visual & landscape character in and around the racecourse, as well as amenity value for pedestrians.
- This alignment should be redirected into Royal Randwick Racecourse land. This would maximise potential for significant tree retention. This would also reduce the impacts upon the adjacent residential properties. Furthermore, it would improve the experiences of light rail passengers, as they will be able to enjoy the visual amenity provided by the trees.

I object to the removal of significant trees in Tay Reserve (corner Alison Road and Anzac Parade).

- This area has heritage significance, associated with its landscape and tree planting.
- Alternative options for light rail track alignment should be explored to minimise impacts to Tay Reserve.

I object to any reduction in footpath width or capacity

I object to the loss of 704 on-street parking spaces along Alison Road, Wansey Road, High Street and the broader Kensington-Kingsford precinct

- Parking spaces to be lost include loading zones, taxi zones, disabled spaces, permit, short term and unrestricted parking.
- A 700m radius catchment for alternative parking options

does not reflect distances pedestrians and customers would be prepared to walk to access local shops and services.

- Alternate light rail alignment should be investigated in order to minimise loss of parking.

I am also **concerned about flooding and erosion impacts**, particularly as a result of the proposed developments around Randwick Racecourse.

I strongly support further investigation for improved design through **ongoing and meaningful consultation with city councils, as well as other relevant stakeholders** (including local residents). City councils represent and protect the interests of their residents, and therefore their design preferences should be respected.

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COPY OF RECENT CORRESPONDENCE WITH TRANSPORT
NSW TO CONFIRM LOSS OF PARKING

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Maryanne

Sorry for my delay getting back to you. As we discussed at the market on Sunday, **I have confirmed that parking on both sides of Alison Road will be removed as part of the CBD and South East Light Rail project.**

In relation to trees, the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has assessed that most of the trees on the southern side of Alison Road between John St and Wansey will be removed.

The trees on the northern side of Alison between these streets are unlikely to be affected, as per the project in the EIS.

If you would like to comment on the EIS, I would encourage you to visit www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au<<http://www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au>> and make a formal submission. All submissions need to be lodged directly with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DP&I), and they must be received by DP&I by close of business Monday 16 December 2013. Please contact DP&I if you require an extension to lodge a submission.

Regards
Marianne

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