

I wish to register my opposition for the proposed design of the CBD and South East Light Rail project (CSELR) as outlined in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) dated November 2013. I am opposed to the proposal as stated in the EIS.

As proposed it involves the demolition of 69 homes, including my own, in Olivia Gardens, to be acquired and demolished to make way for this project.

The environmental impact of this proposal on me personally could therefore not be greater.

My opposition to the project as outlined in the EIS, is mainly with the route through Surry Hills via Devonshire Street.

This opposition is summarised as follows:

1. There is lack of adequate justification for the project as a whole, and no cost benefit study of possible routes through Surry Hills.
2. The EIS material lacks solid information. It contains many unsubstantiated claims and unresolved issues. Commercial confidentiality is invoked as a reason not to adequately rationalise the project.
3. An alternative route has been identified (Foveaux Street sub-surface) which does not involve the demolition of homes, as well as other substantial benefits. **This must receive serious consideration.**
 - It has been discounted on grounds of cost. It has not been fairly costed, and should be re-examined.
 - Reasons for that route not being adopted include a 'heritage sewer' being in the way. **That demolition of people's homes is more acceptable than destruction of a sewer is an inversion of reasonable values and must be reassessed.**
 - Technical solutions to resolve any difficulties with this route should be considered.

I therefore request:

1. That the project be justified in terms of its need and effectiveness, and this must be made public. So far this has not been done. Commercial confidentiality is invoked as a reason not to adequately do so.
2. Cost benefit of all possible routes through Surry Hills (surface, sub-surface and tunnels), to be made public.
3. Genuine technical consideration be given to the Foveaux sub-surface route, including cost benefit, and solutions to any difficulties.
4. That the Foveaux Street subsurface routes be the preferred option for light rail transit through Surry Hills.

Lack of community consultation

The Surry Hills community has not been treated as stakeholders in this project and have never been genuinely consulted. This is not acceptable.

I therefore request:

Genuine community consultation with the Surry Hills community – both residents and business owners about the route through Surry Hills, its design and integration.

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