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Major Projects Assessment  
Department of Planning and Infrastructure  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**CBD and South East Light Rail Environmental Impact Statement  
Submission from Randwick City Council**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed CBD and South East Light Rail (CSELR) project. The Council has a long history of planning and advocacy for rail-based public transport improvements to Randwick City and is pleased to see the progress of this important infrastructure project.

In summary the Council supports the delivery of a world class transport system to and within our City, the proposed improvements to the public transport system's capacity, reliability, and service level, and the general route including the proposal for two branches within Randwick City to Randwick and Kingsford. At the outset, Council also likes to ensure that the system not only responds to current needs, but also provides for future demands and increased use of public transport.

Randwick City Council considered a draft submission on the CSELR proposal at its Planning Committee meeting on 3 December 2013, and endorsed the attached submission, subject to the following additional comments:

1. that Council notes the report by Infrastructure for NSW (October 2012), which supported light rail to Randwick and also indicated the next extension of heavy rail to the Eastern Suburbs should be from Bondi Junction to Randwick and Maroubra Junction and that Council request the State Government to commit to this as part of its Strategic Transport Masterplan.
2. that the State Government be asked to commit that the light rail should not being used to justify the Urban Activation Precincts and notes that light rail is justified by the existing densities under the Randwick LEP 2012.
3. that the number of bus services should be increased to meet the future demands created by the commuters in Randwick City.
4. that Council supports an underground pedestrian pathway at the proposed Anzac Parade/Moore Park tunnel.

5. that a dedicated cycle/pedestrian way be provided together with light rail. It is noted that cycle ways may need to be created along other streets rather than Anzac Parade.

The attached submission acknowledges Council's overall support for the light rail project and the positive aspects of the proposal, raises key issues of interest to Randwick City and makes specific recommendations to optimise the design and operation of the system to ensure it meets the needs of Randwick City's community and key destinations.

During the assessment process it is anticipated that further discussions will be undertaken with Council officers and the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, including provision of recommended conditions of consent consistent with the Council's resolution to assist in the assessment process.

The Council looks forward to a constructive ongoing partnership approach to the refinement and finalisation of the design to achieve the best outcomes for our community. Should you wish to discuss any aspect of this submission, please contact David Ongkili, Acting Manager Strategic Planning on 9399 0792.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ray Brownlee', written over a horizontal line.

Ray Brownlee  
General Manager

Attachment: Submission from Randwick City Council on CSEL R EIS