

*ATTN DIRECTOR  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
PROJECTS*

**ST PETER'S PARISH**  
**235 DEVONSHIRE ST., SURRY HILLS**

ABN 29341381772

*RE: LIGHT RAIL*

I am making this submission on behalf of St. Peter's Catholic Parish at Surry Hills, in response to the published Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed light rail line.

St Peter's Parish will be affected by the proposed alignment along Devonshire St. because it has property on the southern side of the street between Marlborough and High Holborn streets and on the northern side between Riley and Marlborough streets.

The reason for this submission is that there is no acknowledgement in the EIS of the existence of the St. Peter's Parish Church (built 1916) and no discussion about the impacts that the proposed light rail line would have on the functions of the Church.

The critical issue is that at present there are signs on the footpath outside the church to indicate that 30 metres of kerbside parking there are reserved for wedding and funeral vehicles, but the EIS does not identify that zone. It is clear in the EIS that this reserved parking will not continue in its present form because it would be on the rail alignment. The EIS contains a detailed assessment of the types of kerbside parking in the Surry Hills precinct that will be affected but this one is not identified by category or location.

I note that there are other activities conducted on parish land that also require vehicular access. It appears from the information in the EIS that traffic movements for these activities will be able to continue via High Holborn St. and Marlborough St (on the southern side of the rail alignment) and by left turns to and from Devonshire St. (from Parish property on the northern side of the rail alignment). If these opportunities for traffic movement are not retained in the adopted plan there would be other adverse effects on the St. Peter's Parish, both during and after construction.

It is a matter of significant concern for this Parish and all its stakeholders that the proposal as described in the EIS does not acknowledge the loss of reserved parking outside St. Peter's Church for weddings and funerals, and does not address alternative means for maintaining vehicle access to the front door of the church for these occasions so that ceremonies can be conducted in a dignified fashion.

I request that the above issues, especially for wedding and funeral vehicles, be resolved before the planning process for this project is finalized and a decision is made about planning approval.

Please contact the following with your response :

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