

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2013

Dept. of Planning, NSW Government

Major Projects/ Light Rail Proposal: Devonshire Street, Surry Hills.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Re:EIS Submission

I am writing to express my views on the proposed Light Rail Project to be built on Devonshire Street, Surry Hills. I **do not agree** with the CSELR as per the CSELR EIS.

I feel there has been far too little genuine community consultation regarding this issue. When I purchased in this area in 2010, I was aware of the possibility of light rail, but my researches seemed to indicate that the proposed route was a tunnel underneath Foveaux Street. This seemed like a very good idea with the best outcome for speed of transportation and minimal impacts on Surry Hills. On the strength of that I was happy to buy my apartment.

However with the street level proposal I am greatly concerned about the noise, traffic, parking and other general implications for us, the residents of Surry Hills. These are very big issues and there has been little or confusing information provided by Transport for NSW. The noise impacts alone on the residents from Light Rail running from 5am til 1am are enormous and may I point out that those operating times are even longer than the Sydney Airport Curfew.

Small businesses and residents will be greatly affected by the permanent loss of car-parking spaces. I spoke to one small business owner on Devonshire Street who thinks it will put her out of work. Also the road alterations required (traffic signals, blockages, no access etc), will turn the area into a permanent traffic snarl.

I believe a subterranean solution is the only one possible for this transportation system, even if it is the more expensive one in the short term. The long term benefits of keeping Surry Hills the vibrant, commercially successful business and restaurant hub that it is, will provide tax income and prestige aplenty for Sydney, and keep the area a beautiful, quirky village that tourists want to visit and spend money in, for years to come.

Thank you for your time and I hope my views receive measured consideration,

Yours sincerely,

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