



**The Pharmacy
Guild of Australia**

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CBD and South East Light Rail Project Team
NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the EIS for the CBD and South East Light Rail Project (the Project).

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia (NSW Branch) represents approximately 1,800 Community Pharmacists throughout NSW who dispense pharmaceutical benefits to the community. Approximately 139 of these Members are in the catchment area for the Project.

The Guild supports the Project in-principle because it should enhance the capacity of the transport system to support economic activity including Community Pharmacists and small business.

Many Community Pharmacies have entered long term leases and other commercial arrangements before the Project was publicly announced. It is therefore critical that every effort is made to mitigate the economic impact of the construction phase of the Project.

It is noted that the Economic Assessment of the Project concludes that the construction phase will have an impact on vehicle and pedestrian flows that could influence the level of trade passing businesses, and subsequent customers and sales. Another key issue is the impact on parking and business deliveries which could have a significant impact on sales and service.

Mitigation measures should therefore be developed with businesses in the respective precincts. Options may include:

- promoting the use of smaller delivery vehicles and priority loading areas;
- developing alternate routes, access periods or arrangements for businesses; and
- communicating access arrangements to businesses and consumers.

Yours sincerely

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