

**RE: CBD & SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLACT
STATEMENT**

I do not agree with the CSELR as stated in the CSELR EIS. I feel that there are safety issues, traffic considerations and noise impacts that need to be addressed in greater detail before approval is given to the CSELR. I am a resident of 58 Parkham St Surry Hills, living next to Olivia Gardens so the Light Rail track will be directly behind my home.

SAFETY

The first issue that I have with the proposal relates to safety. The proposed speed for the LRV through Devonshire St is 45km p/hr. The EIS states that the LRV will be 45m long. This means that a vehicle two and half times longer than a bendy bus will be speeding down a road and through a park which will have a high volume of people. It is near Bourke St Public School and there are a lot of children in Surry Hills. Children run unpredictably and such a large vehicle travelling at that speed is just plain dangerous. In George St the LRV speed will be 20km p/hr. The speed between Elizabeth St and South Dowling St should be reduced to 20km p/hr. I note that on the Light Rail website there is a trip calculator whereby people can calculate how long it will take to get a stop by Light Rail. This information is being given to the public without even gaining official approval for the proposed speeds. It seems that operational times are even more important than children's safety and this is very worrying.

Therefore I request that the safety issues be fully reviewed by independent consultants and the full reports be made available to the public.

NOISE IMPACT

Reducing the speed of the LRV will also reduce the noise impact on residents. The Light Rail is proposed to run from 5am until 1am and residents will be expected to deal with a maximum noise of 75-83dB every time a vehicle passes. If the speed is reduced to 20km p/hr this will reduce the noise impact on residents sleeping only metres from the track area.

TRAFFIC CONSIDERATIONS

The EIS provides no consideration to vehicle exit from Parkham St given that Parkham Lane which connects Parkham St to Nobbs St will be closed to thru traffic. If Parkham Lane is opened up to thru traffic I request that a right -turn onto Bourke St from Parkham Lane as well a left (ie open up Bourke St to 2-way from Parkham Lane to Devonshire St). This will reduce the traffic from being forced onto the very congested Bourke and Cleveland St junction. Residents will be forced to use the also very congested South Dowling St more often. Making the area between Devonshire St and Parkham Lane 2-way will resolve this issue.

ROUTE THROUGH OLIVIA GARDENS

I request that the Central route be used as this has the least environmental impact and does not require the further demolition of a character warehouse in the area which is somebody's home. This route is furthest from residents on both

sides of the area. I note that in the EIS there is no firm resolution to how noise will be reduced for residents from the LRVs. There seems to be little confidence with regard to track technology and they are against screening. I request that if this route is given approval there must be firm arrangements made public and consultation in how noise impact in this quiet residential area will be reduced. The base must also be constructed in a way that limits vibration. Maximum attention must be given to this when constructing the tracks close to people's homes.

DEMOLITION OF OLIVIA GARDENS

As I live 10 metres from the proposed demolition site I would like to access to information about when demolition will be taking place. It says in the EIS that it will take 14 months which is worrying for me. I have a baby due in May 2014 so I will be home during the construction period. I also request that high scaffolding be put up around the area while the demolition is taking place to reduce dust. There is going to be no respite and I worry for mine and my family's physical and emotional health. I request that residents be given a detailed timetable of how the demolition process will be taking place and when the most noise intensive activities will occur.

Yours sincerely

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