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LIGHT RAIL TO RANDWICK

I thought bringing light rail to Randwick would be an excellent idea as advocated many years ago by Professor George Paxinos from UNSW. Now I am not convinced that it is a good idea. Many of the corridors used by the trams have now been built on so the light rail will have to use the main roads.

I am concerned about:

1. The light rail coming up Wansey Road and High Street Randwick. This will mean that there will be reduced or no car parking on either streets so that the surrounding streets will see an increase in traffic with people trying to find parking.
2. Only a stop in Wansey Road and the next stop at High Cross Park.
3. The demolition of part of High Cross Park and the trees. It is now a peaceful and non-crowded park for locals and hospital staff to use especially during the day.
4. The impact on the memorial in High Cross Park and the Anzac Day service.
5. Commuters from Coogee will have to change transport and therefore possibly incur an extra charge.
6. What happens to the buses which use High Street and do not link to the light rail?
7. How commuters who live in Cowper and Cook Streets access transport?
8. How older people living in Randwick and Coogee who like to shop at David Jones in the City get from George Street to Elizabeth Street?
9. The number of houses and trees which have to be demolished to provide for the light rail.

I find that the bus transport in Randwick and Coogee excellent. The main traffic congestion being Belmore Road, Randwick and Elizabeth Street, City. I do not think that the light rail will solve this.

I would prefer to see additional Metro buses which are more flexible and do not require fixed lines and which have the capacity to carry up to 115 people. I have never seen the M50 bus full so why do we need many carriages of light rail.

There is a light rail extension going from Lilyfield to Dulwich Hill – why not wait to see if this is successful.

An extension of the Eastern Suburbs railway should have been the way to proceed!

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