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Major Projects Unit
Department of Planning & Infrastructure
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**RE: CBD AND SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT SUBMISSION**

On behalf of the Association and our members, I write in support of the CBD and South East Light Rail Project and of the determination process to be at the discretion of the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure.

It is noted that issues directly related to accommodation hotels and similar properties will be canvassed in a separate submission to be made by Tourism Accommodation Australia NSW.

The Australian Hotels Association NSW and our members are appreciative of the briefings which have been provided by representatives of Transport for NSW and the commitment that further discussions will be held with affected hoteliers, as part of consultation with businesses in each defined precinct along the light rail route, to address issues which are likely to have commercial impact including:

- both temporary and permanent alterations to existing loading zone and delivery trucks access during the construction and operational phases.
- lessening where possible an estimated 30 per cent reduction in hotels' financial turn - over due to physical and noise disruption during both the utility repositioning and rail construction phases;

In regard to further consultation, AHA NSW has undertaken to facilitate discussions with affected businesses as well as representatives of brewers, liquor distributors and other suppliers so that suitable altered delivery arrangements can be developed. Similarly, will we assist as needed in liaising with the Council of the City of Sydney and its garbage contractors to put in place any changes to refuse collection arrangements which may be required.

To streamline effective and immediate liaison with Transport for NSW, AHA NSW has appointed Ms Anna Faith our Metropolitan Membership Liaison Officer to be the initial contact person for our industry.

In regard to the impact of vibration during surface realignment and track construction, AHA NSW notes that Transport for NSW proposes to conduct dilapidation surveys to assess current structural integrity of properties en route prior to commencement of the construction phase.

In regard to the final operational phase, AHA NSW notes that considerable benefit will be experienced from the light rail service to the sporting and entertainment facilities at Moore Park. This will greatly ease issues that have traditionally been experienced with patron and spectator migration from and to Central Railway Station.

It is without doubt that a project of this magnitude will give rise to many challenges but we do not see any of them as insurmountable provided the consultation and cooperation which we have already experienced from Transport for NSW officers remains and we are confident that it will.

Yours faithfully,



SCOTT LEACH
President