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ATTENTION DIRECTOR - ENERGY ASSESSMENT PROJECTS

APPLICATION NUMBER SS1 8583

RESIDENTS SUBMISSION RE OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED TRANSGRID TRANSMISSION CABLE PROJECT

The residents who have signed below raise concerns and objections to the proposed project as follows:

1. EXCAVATION VIBRATION

Damage from vibration during digging and earth moving, can cause cracks to occur in structural masonry, plus inside plaster cracking, peeling off walls, necessitating repairs.

It means householders will have to photograph all structural features and have their homes inspected by a qualified Consulting Surveyor, prior to work commencing. This will entail significant costs. TRANSGRID should maybe check/document all properties before work commences.

2. SOIL SETTLEMENT

Problems can take time to manifest in a building structure, and it can easily happen, there is no insurance against this at all for building owners.

3. AGE OF HOUSES

As the project is assigned to excavate Edgeware Road Newtown, from south to north then into Llewellyn Street, houses along this section are over 100 years old, built prior to World War I. The foundations may easily be affected by this full scale digging, leading to structural problems developing, even if not apparent at the time of digging. Houses from numbers 216 to 258 in particular, of which we occupy numbers 238 and 242 and 246, Edgeware Road.

4. NOISE AND DUST POLLUTION

No doubt significant noise and dust pollution as work is to be done at night time, meaning disruptive sleep for those working people and danger for asthmatics. Why does the work have to be done at night because the traffic will be disrupted anyway through the day, thus work should be done during daylight hours.

If it is planned to dig right up to the pavement edge then this will impact on residents considerably. How much of the road is to be removed?

5. EMERGENCIES

Should there be a health emergency how can an ambulance access houses if they can not park anywhere near them. Also should there be a services fault such as a burst pipe or electrical fault, gas leakage, how can these repair vehicles get anywhere near the property. Impossible with the road dug up for probably a month.

6. BUSINESS INCOME. CAR PARKING, GARBAGE COLLECTION, CHILD CARE CENTRE

Residents will find it almost impossible to find a parking, and those with rear access to their houses may not be able to exit onto the street, thus a dilemma to drive anywhere for quite a while.

Child care drop off at the Church will be impossible too for a while, also across the road at St Pius Primary school. How are the garbage bins going to be empted if the truck can not use the road for a month? Red bins need emptying once a week.

Some individuals run short stays for travellers in their homes, so will not be able to offer rooms during the excavation work, the noise level will prevent sleep, thus those house owners lose considerable revenue.

7. UNDERGROUND WATER

It is known that the area between numbers 258 and 230 Edgeware has an unknown source of underground water which often has to be pumped out to storm water drains, and is a mystery to water personnel and plumbers who are called on to pump it away.

Have TRANSGRID done their homework re this area at all?

8. SELLING PROPERTY

No owner will be able to sell between January and the end of July 2020, as no buyer will purchase only to have the street dug up in front of their house. Property prices could be affected even for some time after the work completion.

9. BUS TRAVEL

How can that be guaranteed along Alice street if originating from the Marrickville Shopping Centre? Many workers depend on that service.

In the event of a house structural problem developing then who will **COMPENSATE** the owner?



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