

Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

EIS for Stage One of the Parramatta Light Rail

I am writing on behalf of the owners of 35 Grand Avenue and 2-8 Thackery Street, Camelia, in response to the exhibition of stage one of the Parramatta Light Rail.

The Government is commended for their vision and commitment to improving public transport in the greater Parramatta area. The proposed light rail will significantly improve the connectivity, productivity and amenity of the precinct and is a welcome, if overdue, improvement.

Yet while we welcome the proposed Light Rail, we believe there are some minor changes which should be considered as part of the EIS assessment. Camelia is a precinct experiencing momentous change. Several planning proposals have already been implemented which is seeing a greater emphasis on mixed use development and even high density residential in parts of the suburb. Much the rest of the precinct is under active investigation by both Council and the Department of Planning and Environment for further activation and re-zonings.

These changes in the Camelia precinct could be supported by the provision of a new light rail stop, adjacent to the proposed stabling and maintenance facility. At relatively little extra cost a Grand Avenue stop could be provided, connecting the precinct, its workforce, and future residents to Parramatta and beyond. It would be a shame if some 800 metres of light rail, travelling through a precinct already partially rezoned for high density living, and still employing some hundreds of workers, was not easily accessible.

We also believe that the full extent of existing goods line corridor should be preserved for a possible extension of the Light Rail to the east and north. Stage Two of the Light Rail is already under active consideration, and one option is for the extension running from

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Camelia, north over the river and then Wentworth Point and Olympic Park. To ensure this option remains viable the residue of the goods Line should be preserved.

We would welcome the opportunity of discussing this matter further and would be grateful if you could keep us informed of your deliberations. Should you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me on **0417 238 212**.

Yours sincerely

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