



RE: Proposed Light Rail Route and Works

19/10/2017

Impact on the Operation and Economic Viability of the Armani Restaurant shop 4-10/354 Church street Parramatta

Dear Sir /Madam,

I am writing in response to the EIS for the Parramatta light rail submission.

We own & operate Armani Restaurant. We have been operating for 9 years. Part of the business is 132 seats for the outdoor dining, representing a significant part of our business.

The most popular part of our dining experience is the outdoor dining area. It represents 50% of our business, as it is a unique setting experience for our customers in the local Parramatta community.

Armani is a draw card for the Parramatta region. We have invested close to 5 million dollars in the expansion and rebuilding our restaurant to make it one of the most popular dining experiences in Parramatta.

We are extremely concerned with the proposal as it would result in the removal of our outdoor dining area along Church Street.

The proposal would decimate our business- simply it would become economically unviable to operate.



We believe that the removal of the outdoor dining is not warranted for the following reasons.

- Currently there are 4 lanes in Church Street 2 either way (including a dedicated bus lane in both directions).
- As such there is scope to redesign the road and light rail layout at the corner of Church Street in a manner that would enable our outdoor dining area to be unaffected.

The impacts on our business are therefore unnecessary and avoidable.

As it stands we will have to endure a significant loss of trade during the construction of the light rail. Losing the outdoor area permanently would be devastating and in all likelihood result in the bankruptcy of our restaurant.

We therefore ask that you redesign and light rail layout at the corner of Church Street in a manner that would enable our outdoor dining area to be remain.

I would ask that you meet with me on site so that you can fully comprehend the devastating consequences of the current proposal on my business and to discuss alternate arrangements.

Thank you for your understanding and consideration.

Your faithfully