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Application Name: Sensible Infrastructure Improvement  
Application number: SSI 15\_7400

We strongly object to several aspects of the project on the grounds of traffic & transport; social impact & community infrastructure; business impacts & cumulative impacts.

Traffic and Transport: A far more efficient use of a metro line would be served by going west from Central to the Sydney University region instead of east to Waterloo, then proceed westward from Sydenham underground to Regents Park station, going through Ashbury, South Strathfield, Belfield, Greenacre, Chullora. This would provide vastly improved transport services between the current western heavy rail line and the Bankstown heavy rail line, to areas currently not serviced by rail. It does not make sense to pull up a fully functional heavy rail line from Sydenham to Bankstown to replace it with a metro rail. It would be much more efficient and logical to provide new infrastructure where none currently exist. This would result in a net gain with no disruption to a currently functioning rail services.

Social impact & community infrastructure: The argument for improved community infrastructure is outlined above with a net gain to Sydney's rail infrastructure, not a nil gain as outlined in the current proposal. There would also be significant social impact caused by the proposed project with the closure of the Bankstown line for 12 to 18 months and the massive disruption caused by this. Also the wasteful cost to rebuild functional railway stations some of which have just had many millions of dollars spent on their refurbishment (eg Marrickville Station) for a new metro line is wasteful in the extreme.

Business Impacts: The closure of the Sydenham to Bankstown line for 12 to 18 months will have a major impact on all levels of business along this rail corridor. Travel times to and from work will be significantly increased for 18 months as already congested roads will become much worse. This traffic congestion will have a major impact on small businesses along the corridor. Sydney's air quality will be impacted by this increased motor traffic with related health impacts.

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