

Sydney Metro – Submission

Re: Metro Submission Application no SS1 15_7400

Attn: Director, Infrastructure Projects

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This submission is made on behalf of property owner

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I have been lived at 2 Orchard Road Chatswood for 31 years and share the boundary wooden fence with the Transport for NSW Railway T1 line cutting to the East of the Railway T1 Line. There is a wire fence which runs from the edge of my property at the end of Gilham Street (owned by Willoughby City Council) and Railway cutting to the beginning of my neighbours property at 6 Orchard Road.

In the time of living in No 2 the Railway property/open space department has replaced the shared fence. They have also sprayed noxious weeds which have invaded my garden. The extra line (siding) to store the trains from Chatswood Station to Nelson street bridge was constructed and the embankment was strengthened as well as a digital communication tower constructed which towers over my garage.

The Dive Construction for the new Sydney Metro Southwest Chatswood to Sydenham project has created some strong concerns and negative responses after going through the Environment Impact Statement Publications which I studied at Willoughby Council and Artarmon Library. I did find it useful attending two of the Community Info Sessions.

This project has a 7 year construction timetable. This will impact severely upon my day to day living and it will be continuous for 7 years. After that period of construction there will be another 3-4 year period when the site is demolished to make way for a commercial development project .

The following will cause noise pollution, visual impact and vibration damage to my property.

In the EIS summary pages 42-47

- The removal of Nelson Street Bridge and demolition of Ausgrid depot
- Construction of work site at the old Ausgrid sight
- New traffic arrangements with the potential of modified traffic light phasing at Orchard Road
- Construction of soldier piers (?) how many is not stated and how close to my property
- Re-alignment of T1 Northshore Line south railway line again no indication how close to my property
- Construction of dive for Metro tracks and metro tracks
- Pile driving for elevated bridge for T1 Northshore Line to go over Metro track/dive
- Truck movements at the Tunnel Construction Site (entering/leaving/spoil storage/removal/tunnel construction equipment/metro tracks/ station construction equipment, testing gear, metro trains equipment)

- Landscape removal from rail corridor on Western side of cutting
- Weekend work /24 hrs construction work at Dive site
- Noise levels will be up to 10DB which is unbelievable given the activities during the constructions list as indicated in the EIS. I am in the most affected area with my neighbours as listed above

The following is my submission regarding the works -

- A third operational site be sight be considered corner Mowbray Road and Pacific Highway site where the defunct water tower site is.
- I am requesting due to the unknown true level of noise pollution that a noise barrier be constructed from the top of the cutting on the Eastern side of the rail corridor at least 5 metres high with suitable landscaping to accompany it. This noise barrier is to run from Mowbray Rd through to Nelson Street.
- An acoustic shed built over excavation site at the dive work site – there is a mention this MAY be considered it should be obligatory
- all efforts to contain noise pollution where there is no acoustic cover especially vehicle noise at selected times for movement of spoil, equipment deliveries
- Noise barriers to be constructed to ameliorate all nuisance noise around Metro and T1 Lines along dive site and tunnel entrance and over bridge of T1
- The most up-to-date quiet rail wheels and rail lines (they do that in other countries rail systems around the world we should follow suit)
- Double glazing on all windows of my property and other residents in the area who will be impacted by this project
- A landscape plan for the site towards the end of construction which includes Nelson Street and Rail Corridor to Chatswood Station considering this is a South Chatswood Heritage area

EIS Report on Non Aboriginal Heritage Assessment Technical Paper

Fig 6 In this report it is noted that on the eastern side of the T1 Railway line it is a Conservation area. This area is within proposed construction are and there is a 25m Buffer (whatever that means)

It states in this part of the EIS there will be negligible impact on Mowbray House, which is hard to believe considering the amount of traffic in and out at the side of this property and on the worksite in general.

My house was built in 1884 and is listed as LEP Item 1105 and it also makes the same comment that there will be negligible impact on my property this again I am sceptical about and very concerned about this.

During the construction of the Rail line for Chatswood to Epping a report was conducted on the state of my property and cracks that were there at the beginning of the project and at the end. I wrote to

the project management that cracks had appeared that were larger and longer after the work had finished and I was told that it was caused by trees close to my property and had no recall.

I am fearful that this might be the case at the end of this project and again my observations and comments will be dismissed and I would have to take my case to court.

As I am a pensioner and plan to stay in my house for at least another 10 years or longer this project could impact so significantly on my lifestyle that I may be forced to move.

I hereby declare I have NOT made any political donations at all in the past 2 years.

Sydney Mary Pemberton

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