

Over Station Concept Proposal & Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Crows Nest Metro

I wish to lodge my objection to above Proposal and EIS.

I object to it for the following reasons:

Firstly I object to a change in the planning controls for this site without it being part of an overall strategic for the whole Crows Nest/St Leonards area.

Secondly I object to any high rise towers on this site as residential developments do nothing to bring jobs and business to this area. Such towers are also totally out of character with the adjoining low scale Maintstreet shopping area in Crows Nest and the significant urban conservation area 'the Holtermann Estate'.

Thirdly I object to any building on Block C.

Finally I object to any car parking on this site. It is patently absurd to build a car park above a Metro station in what's identified as a highly urbanised setting. Also the huge number of apartments already approved in this area will strain the current local road infrastructure to its absolute limits.

As a State owned site, I would like to see it developed for the public good. Crows Nest/ St Leonards area has been identified in two recreational needs studies by NSC as the most poorly served for open space in the Council area. The State government, through its planning policies, has allowed excessive development in the area straining all the local infrastructure to its limits. This site could be developed with four storey office space around a plaza, like the Place de Vosges in Paris, providing much needed open space and some reasonable development for the creative industries which are already strong in the area.

I'm sure there are many other wonderful ideas out there in the community for this publicly owned site which should be investigated through an open and transparent planning process not the charade we've experienced so far with this so called consultation.

Please do not approve this application in its current form.