

I object to the Crows Nest Metro Concept SSD for the following reasons:

- The proposal for the site is inconsistent with the stated objective for the St Leonards Crows Nest Draft Plan 2036 area of increasing employment in the area. How will two apartment buildings over the Metro site increase employment – unless you are talking about the cleaners who will travel to the area for just a few hours a week to clean the apartments of the residents!!!
- The area has been designated as a Health and Education Precinct. Where are the health and education jobs going to be accommodated when all that is being built in the area are apartments in high rise towers? Are you aware, that just 200 metres down the highway from the Crows Nest Metro site in St. Leonards there are currently five towers of apartments being constructed which will contain around 2,000 apartments, not to mention more in the pipeline. The last thing the area needs is more apartments.
- The bulk and scale of the development is inconsistent with the stated objective of Sydney Metro and the Department of Planning to preserve the village character of Crows Nest. You only need to walk around St Leonards as it currently is to realise that high rise towers will destroy the village feeling that currently exists in Crows Nest.
- Why is the rezoning of the Metro site and the Over Station Development being rushed? This site is included in the St Leonards and Crows Nest 2036 Draft Plan area and should be considered as part of the community consultation of that plan.

What do I want?

1. I want lower rise buildings which will respect the character of the adjoining suburbs of Wollstonecraft and Crows Nest and which will not have the disastrous visual impact that 27 storey towers will have.
2. I want buildings which will not overshadow Nicholson Street, Hume Street Park, Willoughby Road and Ernest Place at any time of the day.
3. I want buildings with bigger setbacks, wider sidewalks, and tree lined streets.
4. The land over the Metro is publicly owned land. The buildings over the Metro should contain services and activities that benefit the public, such as:
 - Education facilities
 - Child care facilities
 - Medical facilities
 - Recreation facilities
 - A movie theatre
 - Community centre

