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Subject: Sydney CityGrid project 08 0075, revised submission

Dear Ms Masters

It is impossible to respond to this project without information.

I only heard about the tunnel from a neighbour, even though it passes under the back of my property in Mackey Street, Surry Hills. By the time I was made aware of the tunnel the public information sessions at the Cambridge Hotel had passed.

The plans were supposedly available at Energy Australia's offices at 570 George Street. When I attempted to view them I was directed to three different offices. nobody knew what I was talking about. Eventually two documents were found one for Bligh Street and another for City North, nothing about Surry Hills.

The glimpse I had of the City North sub-station filled me with dread. There was a motherhood statement about fitting in with character of the area but I was not aware that the City of Sydney (in spite of its indifferent architecture) was a suitable site for a building resembling a high security prison with no street interaction.

Energy Australia has started badly and it looks as though it means to continue this way. The project's environmental and architectural aspects, from the limited information available, do not have my support. I am sure this will not cause any loss of sleep at Energy Australia but unless there is constructive dialogue this will be a messy business for everyone.

Kind regards

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PS On delving further into the Energy Australia website I realise the sub-station was in the City not North Sydney.