Reference Sydney City Grid Project 08-0075

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Dear Sir

This project will obviously go ahead in spite of any submissions from residents close to the tunnel construction site in Riley Street, Surry Hills.

However, respect and consideration should be shown to those effected by what seems to be an environmentally challenging four-year project. Crucial to a constructive relationship with Energy Australia is the formation of the proposed Community Liaison Group. This group needs to be formed as soon as possible before detailed operational activities are finalised.

Our residential amenity will be considerably impacted by:

- * Truck movements associated with the removal of spoil.
- * Dust associated with construction and loading of trucks.
- * Construction noise and vibration, 24 hours per day.
- * The removal of parking spaces in Riley Street and the influx of an estimated workforce of 100.

The Environmental Assessment document states that staff will be encouraged to use public transport. This is absurd notion; every workman needs his truck to transport equipment and Central Station is too far away.

After years of tunnel construction a substation will be built on the Riley / Ann / Albion Street site. The proposed substation at the City North site is an aberration, resembling a high security prison. We need a building, in this conservation area, designed with care and sensitivity. As the site is large there is also an opportunity to give something back to the community.

I urge you to insist, as part of the approval process, that residents be given a strong and effective voice during this long construction period in order to alleviate problems that will inevitably arise.

Yours faithfully

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