

Submission 6 - Stage 2D City East Cable Tunnel  
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Please inform your Minister that residents of Surry Hills regard his handling of this project as delinquent and inefficient. Given that the engineering will occupy several years, and that State electricity ownership is about to be thrown into turmoil anyway, there is no plausible reason for not placing the whole undertaking on hold until after the State elections, and in the interim conducting a proper publicity and consultation process to permit those most effected in proximity to the Riley, Albion and Ann Street to be familiarised with the arrangements and to have an input on practical decisions which will impact directly on their enjoyment of their properties for several years -- and possibly into the future.

It would in fact be salutary and democratic for this publicity and consultation to occur in close proximity to the Elections.

There is the further critical point that we should not be expected to accept the commencement of the excavation and spoil-removal works without first having a clear demonstration and undertaking of how the finished job will appear and impact on the viability and value of our adjacent properties. In particular we need clear guarantees of the final above-ground structure to be built by Energy Australia. This has got to have State and probably Municipal approvals and we are entitled to see these in reasonable place, beyond mere sketch plans, before any tunnelling occurs. Likewise we have been given vaguely to understand that there may be provision for private dwellings elsewhere on the site. And what about the future of the previously excavated depths of the site? Are there to be public or other garages, or additional hidden Energy Australia works there?

I would appreciate your Minister's response with an indication before Christmas of the actions and timetable proposed. Be assured this little problem is not going to go away.

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