

Submission to Sydney Metro Project

Callan St residents have had enough!

In relation to Sydney Metro proposal for a high voltage cable for installation on my street in Rozelle - Callan Street. I object to this cable being installed on this street and seek that the route of this power cable be changed to another location.

I am the owner of 11 Callan St. I currently rent this property out to a family and recent works on the street have caused distress to the tenants and difficulty for me, the landlord. The family renting the property have had to put up with a series of disruptive events, the most recent having sewer works carried out for two weeks immediately in front of the house. During lockdown both parents plus two sons are working/studying from home. The noise at times was deafening and the dust and muck daily coating the front of the property.

Managing the situation as a landlord was extremely demanding and has resulted in some financial loss for us.

In relation to the street as a whole I strongly support a number of other reasons are as follows:

1. The street has been subjected to significant noise, dust and disruption seriously affecting the health (physical and mental) of all residents of this street. Another episode of major excavation, as proposed for the power supply to Sydney Metro, would result in additional negative health effects. The EPA has been called on many occasions to investigate health and safety breaches, which has taken much time and energy from the residents of this street.
2. There are already numerous major services sitting below Callan street including a 132KV High Voltage cable, a major sewer line (Balmain Sewer line) and the Sydney Trains Communications cable. When Westconnex installed new sections of sewer line below Callan Street, the work went way over schedule due to them hitting hard rock, which was unexpected. This made the scheduled 2 week process extend to over 7 weeks. Clearly Callan Street's geological make-up is not conducive to major excavation.
3. A new Zone Substation is being constructed at the Rozelle Interchange, which will be closer and have more capacity than the Transmission Substation at Manning Street. Surely it would be easier and less expensive to use the new substation as the source of power for Sydney Metro. The Sydney Metro plans should be amended to use that substation as its source of power.