

Introduction

The CBD and South East Light Rail (CSELR) is an infrastructure project that will transform Sydney. It will provide a fast, reliable public transport service from Circular Quay to Kingsford and Randwick via Surry Hills.

The Sydney Light Rail (SLR) Business Reference Group is being established as a consultative group to make recommendations on initiatives that would support businesses along the alignment through the construction period. It is intended that the SLR Business Reference Group will run until the completion of construction of the CBD and South East Light Rail..

Objectives

The **objectives** of the Business Reference Group are to provide a forum through which:

- The needs of all businesses along the alignment are represented in the development of the project.
- Recommendations can be made to the Project Director regarding potential initiatives to support businesses through the construction of the CSELR.
- Dialogue between Transport for NSW, its contractors and businesses is encouraged and supported.

Membership

- The Business Reference Group will draw members from business associations, industry groups and two nominated members from each local Business Forum.
- All members will be asked to be a conduit of project information for their local Business Forum, association or group.

Operation

The Business Reference Group will **operate** in the following way:

- The chair will be a member of the project's Advisory Board.
- Transport for NSW will provide a secretariat.
- Alternate delegates are permissible, but attendance should be notified in advance to Transport for NSW or to the Chair.
- Additional delegates may be invited, as necessary, at the discretion of Transport for NSW or the Chair.
- Where a response cannot be given at the meeting, questions will be taken on notice and a reply provided subsequent to the session.
- No member shall make public statements purporting to represent the views of the Business Reference Group.
- The Business Reference Group will make recommendations to the Project Director and thereby to the Advisory Board regarding potential initiatives to support businesses through the construction period of the CSELR project.
- Out of session enquires can be directed to Transport for NSW as the secretariat of the Business Reference Group.

Meetings

- The Business Reference Group will meet quarterly, at a minimum, depending on the milestones of the project and requirements of the group.
- Agendas will be issued one week before each meeting.
- Minutes will be circulated within one week of each meeting.
- All recommendations will be communicated to the Project Director and thereby to the Advisory Board.