Introduction
The CBD and South East Light Rail 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, Moore Park and Kensington.

The Sydney Light Rail (SLR) Community Reference Group is being established as a consultative group to provide advice and make recommendations on initiatives that would engage and support communities affected along the alignment including identifying potential mitigations of impacts during the construction period. It is intended that the Community Reference Group will run until the completion of construction of the CBD and South East Light Rail.

Objectives
The objectives of the Community Reference Group are to provide a forum through which:

• The needs of affected communities along the alignment are represented as the project progresses.
• Recommendations can be made to the SLR Project Director regarding potential initiatives to mitigate the impacts on communities through the construction of the CSELR.
• Consultation on the following plans to occur as outlined in the project’s conditions of approval or as amended. Comments will need to be received to coincide with the commercial and project delivery requirements of the project:
  • Staging report, construction and environmental management plan, construction noise and vibration impact statements, stop access and design plans, pedestrian cyclist network and facilities strategy, community consultation strategy, and design plans for the Randwick stabling facility, Lilyfield maintenance facility, Anzac Parade pedestrian bridge, Moore Park portals and bridge over the Eastern Distributor, ATC buildings and structures.

Membership
• The Community Reference Group will draw members from local councils, representative local community organisations and two nominated members from each local community forum.
• All members will be asked to be a conduit of project information for their local communities.

Operation
The Community Reference Group will operate in the following way:

• Meetings are to be conducted constructively, and with respect towards and between all participants.
• The chair will be an independent party.
• Transport for NSW will provide secretariat support.
• Alternate delegates are permissible, but attendance should be notified in advance to Transport for NSW or 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 shall be taken on notice and a reply provided within 7 working days subsequent to the session.
• No member shall make public statements purporting to represent the views of the Community Reference Group.
• The Community Reference Group will make recommendations to the Project Director who will report to the SLR Advisory Board regarding potential initiatives to support communities through the construction period of the CSELR.
• The Community Reference Group will review and provide advice on local impacts of the construction of the project, complaints received and potential mitigation measures to minimise impacts where reasonable and feasible.
• Out of session enquires can be directed to Transport for NSW as the secretariat of the Community Reference Group.

Meetings
• The Community Reference Group will meet quarterly per year, or as otherwise required.
• 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 who will report to the Advisory Board.