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INVITATION: Sydney Light Rail Tribunal Hearing 21 November 2018 (Media Release)

Our once beautiful, liveable, city has been scarred and pillaged; pleasant green spaces and majestic trees have been displaced by overhead wires, rails, concrete and high-rise flats.

Berejiklian's Light Rail has destroyed our natural and built environment, small businesses and neighbourhood amenity alike and will surely create gridlock and pollution, whilst being slower than the, comfortable, speedy buses that it replaces.

Just how slow, the government has refused to reveal since 2014, when a scathing Auditor General report revealed that project benefits had fallen by \$1 Billion largely due to an increase in travel time assumptions by at least, "up to 38 minutes."

In 2016, I submitted a freedom of information request to Transport for NSW for the documents revealing the estimated journey time.

Documents, replete with jargon, have been provided that possibly contained the coded information, however, Transport for NSW is still refusing to release all the necessary documents on the grounds that they are "Cabinet/Commercial In Confidence."

Finally, a NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) hearing will make a determination on the release of documents. The tribunal hearing will be open to all to attend.

DATE: Wednesday 21 November, 2018.

TIME: 10:00am

PLACE: Level 10, John Maddison Tower, 86 Goulburn St, Sydney 2000

[Footnote: Transport planners opine that the most important factor in encouraging commuters to use public transport is the *speed of the journey*.

Thus, (re)introducing trams that are slower, with more passengers standing, are less comfortable and carrying fewer passengers than the present buses, and requiring many commuters to change mode of transport and/or walk further to fewer stops seems counterproductive.

Clearly, increasing travel time does nothing to encourage greater usage of public transport.]

The complete history of freedom of information request and documents provided so far can be viewed at this link: <https://sydneylightrailactiongroup.com/tribunal-hearing-21-november-2018/>

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