

Light Rail Stage 2A City to Commonwealth Park Environmental Assessment

Chapter Summary: Heritage

Light Rail Stage 2A City to Commonwealth Park is adjacent to several heritage places in Canberra. A Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) was carried out to identify relevant places and understand potential heritage impacts during the construction and operation. This chapter summary compiles some of the management and mitigation measures included in the HIA to minimise potential impacts.

During construction

Impacts during construction include short term construction activities that may obstruct or alter significant views and may detract from the 'setting and appreciation' of heritage sites. Wherever possible, high quality construction hoarding will be used, with consideration for the potential to include local public art or a platform to communicate information about heritage places. Other strategies will also be developed to identify, interpret and communicate the history of relevant heritage areas from early site establishment, throughout the construction phase and in the final completed design.



During operation

Light rail between the City and Commonwealth Park will operate wire free and will require additional vertical infrastructure such as traffic signals, pole mounted communications equipment and light rail stops (including canopies, lighting and customer wayfinding information). This infrastructure may alter views of heritage areas. However, the impact assessment determined that the consequence of this infrastructure on views of heritage areas would be minor.

Light Rail Stage 2A will widen the verge of London Circuit to be more like the original verge width and configuration. Widening of the verge will have a positive impact on the presentation and ability to appreciate the heritage significance of the Sydney and Melbourne Buildings, as well as improving the urban design in the area.

Heritage places relevant to the project are:

- Lake Burley Griffin
- Parliament House Vista
- Reserve Bank of Australia
- Australian Academy of Science Building
- City Hill
- Melbourne and Sydney Buildings
- ANZ Bank Building (former ES&A Bank)
- Civic Square Precinct
- Law Courts Precinct
- Hotel Acton (Acton House)
- Ian Potter House (Beauchamp House).

Have your say

As part of the planning approval process for the Light Rail Stage 2A project, a Works Approval has been submitted to the National Capital Authority (NCA) and a Development Application has been submitted to the ACT Planning and Land Authority (ACTPLA).

To have your say on the project, you can make a submission to the NCA or ACTPLA.

Visit act.gov.au/lightrailtowoden to learn more about the project and how to have your say.

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