

# Light Rail Stage 2A City to Commonwealth Park Environmental Assessment

## Chapter Summary: Socioeconomic impacts

The Light Rail Stage 2A City to Commonwealth Park project would have several positive and negative socioeconomic impacts in construction and operation. To measure these impacts, a Socioeconomic Impact Assessment (SEIA) has been developed. This summary outlines some of the key points you need to know from the SEIA.

### Impacts during construction

- Temporary impacts to the road network, including on active travel and public transport
- Potential decline in accessibility to businesses and services
- Temporary loss of parking during construction
- Possible flow-on effect of these impacts on people's routine use of businesses

### Impacts during operation

Light Rail Stage 2A is anticipated to be largely beneficial with long-term positive socioeconomic impacts for the community, including:

- More sustainable transport choices, improving the convenience of connectivity, and supporting affordable transportation for all
- Reduction in traffic congestion and improving on how people move around the city area
- Improved access to Canberra City and surrounds, providing an opportunity to combine light rail travel with other travel modes when accessing activity centres, services and social facilities
- Better access to education institutions, the lake and community events

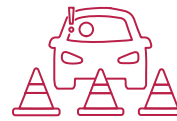
### What we will do



Engagement will be undertaken with businesses near construction activities, to assist in helping them maintain store front visibility and access points, where possible. This will help people in the area find businesses more easily and continue to use their services.



Wayfinding signage will be used to assist customers in identifying parking options. Accessible parking will also be maintained.



Cross-agency collaboration will help to reduce traffic impacts and keep road users informed of planned road closures and diversions.



A feedback process will be set up where the community can ask questions or make a complaint via a 24/7 toll-free number, by writing a letter, sending an email, or visiting the project website.

### Employment opportunities

Light Rail Stage 2A is expected to generate employment and training opportunities during construction. To leverage this opportunity, a Labour Relations, Training and Workplace Equity Plan will be developed, which will detail how contractors would support employment participation and address barriers to employment or career development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, women, people with disability and people from a culturally and linguistically diverse background.

### 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](https://act.gov.au/lightrailtowoden) to learn more about the project and how to have your say.

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