

Submission

Proposed alignment of the Regional Rail Link between Southern Cross Station and Deer Park West

(Public Submission. To be attached, in full, to the EES referral document)

Recipients

Mr Corey Hannett
Executive Director
Regional Rail Link
Department of Transport
PO Box 2797
Melbourne VIC 3001
rrl@transport.vic.gov.au

Submitters

(Group Submission – see signing page for details)

Concerns about being forced to leave Footscray

1. We love living in our local Footscray neighborhood and we would not choose to live anywhere else. This is our community.
2. We chose to live where we do, quite deliberately, because of the many social and economic advantages of living here. We enjoy the convenience of living only a short walk from community facilities, and the comfort and security of living in a friendly and supportive community. We also enjoy the substantial benefits of living close to public transport and the low-cost shopping available in central Footscray.
3. We are extremely worried that the RRL project will result in many of us being forced away from Footscray, due to the rising cost of property in the area and the limited availability of public housing. This will displace us from our community at a social and economic cost to individuals and the community as a whole.
4. We urge that the Minister for Transport and the Department of Transport ensure, as a key project objective, that the RRL project does not result in people leaving Footscray when this is not their preference.
5. We request that this issue be included as part of a thorough pre-project social impact assessment, with continuing impact monitoring during implementation and after project completion.

