



## ‘Eat Street’ given a guarantee



### Major light rail construction on Parramatta’s ‘Eat Street’ dining strip will not commence until at least 2020.

A decision to hold off major construction on Eat Street (defined as Church Street, between Palmer and George Streets) until 2020 has been made by the NSW Government to give local businesses as much certainty, time and support as possible in preparation for Parramatta Light Rail construction works.

The NSW Government’s decision follows extensive community consultation, including more than 330 surveys of local businesses and more than 125 community information sessions and events.

Transport for NSW is also investigating how Eat Street could benefit from a flexible construction schedule

which works around the street’s busiest trading times.

Additionally, businesses in Parramatta’s CBD will benefit from free specialist workshops and one-on-one business support to develop proactive strategies such as marketing and promotion.

Smaller site investigation works will take place on Eat Street in 2019 with minimal disruption, with businesses and residents to be kept fully informed ahead of the works commencing.

Full construction schedules will be announced after the awarding of final contracts to build and operate the Parramatta Light Rail.





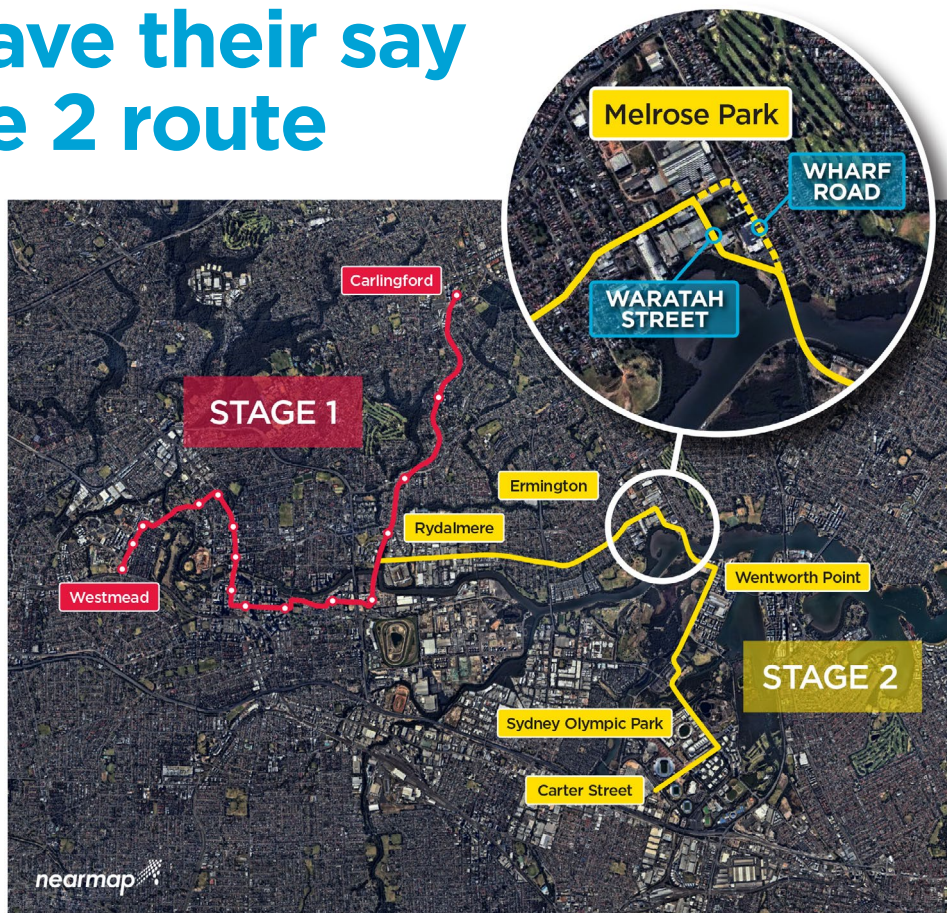
# Residents have their say on the Stage 2 route

The NSW Government has listened to community feedback and will focus on Waratah Street, Melrose Park, as the preferred route for Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2, after hearing from local residents.

In October 2017, the NSW Government announced the preferred route for Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2, which will connect the Parramatta CBD to Ermington, Melrose Park, Wentworth Point and Sydney Olympic Park along a nine-kilometre route.

Detailed planning for Stage 2 of Parramatta Light Rail is ongoing and the Final Business Case is expected to be completed in late 2018.

Right: Transport for NSW will investigate an alternative alignment along Waratah Street, Melrose Park, in response to community feedback.



--- Original route      — Preferred route

## Big interest to support business

Businesses from Parramatta's 'Eat Street' dining precinct, hotels and small business owners are among those who will provide advice to a new Parramatta Light Rail advisory committee.

The new Parramatta Light Rail Business Reference Group will give the local business community a strong voice in the project, providing advice, feedback and ideas on business support initiatives from construction through to operation.

The group is made up of interested local businesses and organisations, industry bodies and key stakeholders including the City of Parramatta Council, Parramatta Chamber of Commerce and the Sydney Coordination Office.

Members will advise on activities for precincts including Westmead, North Parramatta, the Parramatta CBD, Eat Street and the Camellia to Carlingford line.



Above: Artist's impression of light rail at Lennox Bridge, Parramatta.

Once in operation, Parramatta Light Rail is expected to provide a huge boost to local businesses, with light rail stops at Parramatta Square

and Eat Street, and nearly 30,000 people predicted to use the light rail service every day by 2026.





## Helping those in need

Last month, the Parramatta Light Rail project supported Western Sydney Homeless Connect (WSHC)'s community event in Parramatta to help connect with those who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

WSHC is a registered non-profit charity led by a team of volunteers who have a desire to improve the lives of people experiencing homelessness and disadvantage in Western Sydney.

Parramatta Light Rail is working closely with WSHC to ensure a respectful and appropriate approach to rough sleepers in the area where light rail would run.

Above: A volunteer with WSHC gives a haircut to a woman at Parramatta's Centenary Square.



## Track talk

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Let's meet a member of the Parramatta Light Rail Advisory Group, which includes representatives from the City of Parramatta Council, the Parramatta Chamber of Commerce, the Sydney Business Chamber, Western Sydney University, Tourism and Transport Forum Australia and several state government entities including the Land and Housing Corporation and Venues NSW.

### Why did you sign up to the Parramatta Light Rail Advisory Group?

The Parramatta Light Rail is critical infrastructure for Greater Parramatta and will be a catalyst for the continued economic development of Western Sydney. Western Sydney University has campuses at Rydalmere, Parramatta CBD, Westmead, and Sydney Olympic Park, so the light rail network will provide a strong transport link for thousands of our students and staff.

### The group recently celebrated its first anniversary. What "wins" has the group had?

I think [the Parramatta Light Rail Advisory Group] has positively contributed to a better understanding of the community and business impacts associated with the project and we have a strong focus on minimising disruption for everyone. We're discussing opportunities to stage construction works and to address traffic and parking concerns in the CBD.

### What will Parramatta Light Rail bring to the community?

I see Parramatta Light Rail as being truly transformational for Parramatta. For Western Sydney University, we recognise that the light rail network and frequency of services will open up access for students, staff and the community to our campuses and to education for the region.

## Roadworks to take place around Parramatta

George Street in the Parramatta CBD will become two-way and O'Connell Street will be widened to four lanes as part of road and traffic changes ahead of Parramatta Light Rail construction.

These 'enabling works', while not directly along the Parramatta Light Rail route, will increase traffic capacity to ensure traffic can move in and around the Parramatta area during construction and later, once the Parramatta Light Rail is operational.

The works involve relocating underground utilities, modifying or installing traffic lights, road reconditioning, redirecting traffic

flows and changes to parking. Works will begin later this year.

The Parramatta Light Rail project team will continue to keep the community and any impacted businesses and residents informed.

For more information about Enabling Works, visit [www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/library](http://www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/library) and view the Enabling Works Fact Sheet and Media Release.





Check dates and times at

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## Supporting sustainability

Parramatta Light Rail is sponsoring the Excellence in Sustainability category at the 28th Annual Western Sydney Awards for Business Excellence (WSABE), with winners to be unveiled at the WSABE Gala on Friday 21 September at Rosehill Racecourse.

The project is proud of its focus on sustainability, which includes leading the Transport for NSW Sustainable Design competition, open to final-year university students (below), with results to be revealed later this year at [www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au](http://www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au).



Parramatta Light Rail staff members tour the proposed route with entrants from the Transport for NSW Sustainable Design competition.

## What's next?

**Late 2018**

Early works underway  
Enabling works begin  
Main works contracts awarded  
Final business case for Stage 2 completed

**2019**

Parramatta Light Rail main works begin

**2020**

Eat Street main works begin

**2023**

Commence Stage 1 operations

## Looking back...



Church Street, Parramatta, aerial view of St. John's Church, Town Hall, Memorial Clock and railway line, circa 1930. (LSP00381) Image courtesy of Parramatta Heritage Centre. © City of Parramatta



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