Communities around the world are examining how to convert under-performing city centres to liveable, economically vital and entertaining civic spaces for daily life. At the heart of this movement is public transport, and particularly light rail as one of a suite of transformative transport options.

Light rail systems and technologies are evolving. No longer the singular purview of larger metropolises, smaller systems are developing in smaller cities as governments realise a variety of urban renewal benefits and how these contribute to the ‘business case’ and sustainability bottom lines.

These proactive communities know that by investing in public transport system, including, light rail, they are creating a sustainable public realm and, crucially, a more civil society for residents.

Join us for this 2-hour seminar. Our speakers have been valued team members on light rail projects in Sydney, Canberra, Adelaide and the Gold Coast, Moreton Bay and the Cross River Rail projects in southeast Queensland.

They will explore how light rail has catalysed business growth in communities around the world, how Australian cities are now following suit and how light rail can contribute to Hobart’s future sustainability.

**SPEAKERS**

**Daniel Bennett**
City Design and Transport Manager, City of Adelaide. For the 3 years prior to joining Council, Daniel was Urban Design Leader for the HASSELL/Arup and led Sydney Light Rail project. Daniel recently completed the feasibility study for the Capital Metro project for the ACT Government (Canberra’s light rail), and maintains a peer review and design direction role for the project. He continues to research the value of design in large city shaping projects while contributing to the AILA as a National Councillor.

**Toby Lodge**
Principal Hassell. Toby has been leading and working in collaborative teams for over fifteen years in the fields of urban renewal, transit oriented development and urban infill growth management. Toby led the urban design and precinct planning stream for the Cross River Rail project and Gold Coast Rapid Transit Corridor Study. He is currently leading the precinct planning stream for the Moreton Bay Rail Link.