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HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT THE WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL AND BEACHES LINK PROJECT

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An Upper House parliamentary committee scrutinising public works of the NSW Government is currently examining the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link project and its impact on the community and the environment.

The Western Harbour Tunnel will connect the Rozelle interchange with the Warringah Freeway, via under Sydney Harbour. The construction of the tunnel is expected to run from the first quarter of 2021 until 2026, at a cost of $14 billion. A further tunnel link is then planned from the Warringah Freeway to Balgowlah in the northern beaches.

'While it is no secret that something needs to be done in terms of the traffic in Sydney, the community has voiced their concerns about the costs and socio-environmental impacts associated with the construction of the Western Harbour Tunnel and related road projects.', said the Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC, Chair of the Committee. 'That is why the committee established this inquiry to examine the adequacy of the business case, costs, governance structure and consultation methods of the project.'

'The committee will also review the processes for assessing and responding to noise, vibration and other impacts on residents, and consider the impact of the project on the environment, especially marine ecosystems.', Mr Mookhey continued.

'Furthermore, COVID-19 has changed people's work and travel patterns, even where people live. The committee is interested to find out whether the original cost benefit ratio remain current for the purpose of the project.', Mr Mookhey added.

Have your say

The committee welcomes submissions from interested stakeholders and members of the community. The closing date for submissions is **Friday 18 June 2021**. You can lodge a submission online or email Public.Works@parliament.nsw.gov.au.

For information about the inquiry, including the committee membership and the terms of reference, please visit the inquiry webpage.

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