

INQUIRY INTO CROSS CITY TUNNEL

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Theme:

Summary

Submission to Cross City Tunnel lodged by Richard Jones

For the second time since living in Surry Hills we have experienced road closures and traffic flow changes aimed to benefit private enterprise and not tax paying citizens. The Eastern Distributor was inconvenient, the Cross City Tunnel is a travesty of public policy. No longer can we access the harbour tunnel, we are forced to drive along Macquarie St, an overloaded and gridlocked road during peak time to cross the Harbour via the bridge. The RTA must know that Macquarie St is not an acceptable route when the harbour tunnel is available but they closed access simply to force people onto the cross city tunnel and be damned to the locals in Surry Hills. We accept that the RTA, like all NSW Govt Departments, is a captive of the Minister and only acts to serve the government's special interests rather than the public at large like any professional bureaucracy. But that doesn't make us happy about it.