

## **INQUIRY INTO CROSS CITY TUNNEL**

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Summary

## Submission to Cross City Tunnel lodged by Catherine Lyons

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As a resident of Potts Point I feel that CCT did everything to conceal and nothing to inform or consult . I received nothing in the mail or at my door at all until shortly before it opened .I have lived here 20 years.

That's not to say I wasn't looking for some information .I have been secretary of the local ALP branch for several years . It is a very large and active branch and makes every attempt to stay informed on all local issues. No one in the branch ,and a number belong to community groups ,has mentioned being consulted or informed about the extent or operation of the CCT .

There were no community meetings sponsored by the RTA or CCT .

I feel "they" just told us (eventually ) how it was going to be .

Clover Moore failed to inform in any of her newsletters .

We were kept in the dark and I can see why. Every journey I now make out of this area is longer and more dangerous. ( the airport and North Sydney are rare destinations).

As to the anxiety the tunnels operation can cause:

Travelling from the city on the right fork in front of the Domain Parking Station at 9.30 am last Saturday I was in the tunnel intersection with 8 other cars- 6 illegally drove straight ahead and 3 of us turned right to Cowper Wharf Rd. It may not be dangerous but it certainly looks it .Are RTA cameras recording such incidents?

Last week mid morning on a weekday I saw a taxi letting a fare out in the beginning of the tunnel just opposite the Mitchell (State) Library.All cars had to slow and go round the stationary taxi.("City north" was not Macquarie Street).

Is this what growing accustomed to the CCT is all about?

Of course the road closures at Bourke Street , the narrowing of William Street and the lane confusion at Darlinghurst and William Streets near the Fire Station ,all works that are Sydney City Council and RTA inspirations make residents' trips more difficult but seem to aid the CCT .Perhaps the CCT consulted the Council and the RTA.Perhaps the Council and the RTA consulted the CCT .

Nobody told me let alone consulted.

Perhaps I should say I am using the word "consult" in what I consider the usual sense ( the Australian Oxford Dictionary ) that is " refer to a person for advice,an opinion seek permission or approval from(a person) for a proposed action,take into account ;consider (feelings interest).CCT had a number of "consultants" but few if any "consultees".

I invite you to find a dozen Potts Point residents who were "consulted".