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INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL AND BEACHES LINK

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The recent announcement that this project would proceed with little if any modification to address the many objections raised in response to the relevant EIS is both a source of wonder and bewilderment. I sincerely hope this Parliamentary Inquiry is able to recommend changes to the project, specifically to address:

1. The potential loss of open (or green) space should this project go ahead as per the EIS, specifically the loss of 2.6Ha of open space in the Cammeray Park & Golf Course. As our city grows, surely such public space should be treasured rather than sacrificed. I understand other countries have been able to come up with imaginative solutions to such a challenge (eg, landscape over the motorway) and would love to think we could similarly rise to the challenge in thinking and design.
2. No filtration for the proposed tunnel stack(s). How can there be such a blatant disregard for public health when it is a known fact that PM2.5 particles are small enough to get deep into and permanently stay in the lungs and enter the bloodstream? This situation is made more serious when the number of school children in close proximity (less than 1.5km) is considered. I urge the NSW Government to mandate appropriate filtering of the proposed tunnel stack(s).
3. Facilitating if not encouraging local 'rat runs'. Ref the proposed entry and exit changes to the Ernest Street on/off ramps as detailed in the revised 'How to use the Warringah Freeway Upgrade' diagram issued March 2020: I believe this will encourage drivers heading east or west on Ernest Street to use both Lytton and Moody Streets in Cammeray as shortcuts to access Falcon Street (and from there the Harbour Bridge). Not only are these streets not designed for large traffic flows, but there is the increased risk accidents with children being dropped off for the school start at Anzac Primary School.