

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTERN HARBOUR
TUNNEL AND BEACHES LINK**

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I am writing this submission to express my concern over the West Harbour Tunnel development. Westconnex has been incredibly hard on Inner West residents and their properties with endless conversations happening on online forums and around the community. The WHT is just another project that will disrupt local residents and cause property damage and noise issues. However, this project raises bigger concerns. To name a few; the digging up of toxic sludge in the harbour and the subsequent impact on marine and potentially human life, the shallow 20-30m tunnel running under Louisa Road which is sure to cause property damage and the unfiltered smoke stacks being built in close proximity to local schools. Covid has meant less cars on the road and the new way of working from home is here to stay. More developed cities such as those in Europe have long shied away from building extra infrastructure for cars and since concentrated on improved public transport infrastructure. Isn't it time we did the same? Due to Sydney's planning, urban sprawl is only going to increase. We can't just keep building new infrastructure for cars as a bandaid solution. The West Harbour Tunnel is a project riddled with concerns from a noise, environment, disruption and damage perspective. The development in the Inner West needs to stop at Westconnex.