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

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I have recently had the displeasure of travelling along the new m5 from Sydney park and back. I am concerned that these tunnels will be a model for the Western Harbour Tunnel.

Firstly there are no hard shoulders for breakdowns. This was trialled in the UK as part of the so called. "Smart" motorways. It has been an unmitigated disaster with significant deaths. People get killed as people smash into the stopped cars.

Secondly the road signage is terrible. I first used the m5 from Sydney by accident as I got forced onto the motorway through traffic flows. I ended up on the other side of Sydney. I tried to come back the same way ended up on the M 8 past the airport. The next two times I tried to take the m5 to Sydney park were also complete failures. Again via the m5 these times, I ended up somewhere near the airport. The gps does not work down there, and the exits do not appear to be signposted. The exit is behind you before you have time to position to take it. People will have accidents trying to make the turn.

Please do not make the same life-taking mistakes on Western Harbour Tunnel.