

**Submission
No 61**

INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL AND BEACHES LINK

Name: Mr David Palmer

Date Received: 7 June 2021

Please accept my submission on The Beaches Link Tunnel

I am opposed to the construction of the Beaches Link tunnel as I believe it will cause significant environmental and social damage to the Northern Beaches. For example:

- It will bring more traffic to the Northern Beaches, which is already suffering from congested roads. Instead of a vehicular tunnel, the Northern Beaches needs more public transport eg a rail system which would take traffic off the roads.
- Widening the Wakehurst Parkway will remove trees and fauna habitat and affect fauna connectivity between Manly War Memorial State Park and Garigal National Park.
- I am concerned about the effects on human health of air emissions from ventilation outlets.

There are many other reasons why this project should not proceed, but if it does the project must include a vegetated fauna overpass connecting the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park and Garigal National Park to enable fauna connectivity.

Thank you for the opportunity to have my say

David Palmer OAM