

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

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I'd like to register my opposition to the Beaches Link/Gore Hill "Freeway" (toll road) on essentially every level: No benefit to the local community but only negative impacts in the form of air, water and soil pollution; increased traffic and noise; impact on local wildlife and fauna in Flat Rock Gully; pollution of Middle Harbour; no train option for the tunnel; no consideration of alternatives (i.e. connecting the Northern Beaches area to the Chatswood train hub for the CBD); no real reduction of traffic on Military Road; \$14bn of expense as it stands now and these projects ALWAYS go well over budget (i.e. Light Rail). What is the purpose of this project and who is it going to benefit in the long run besides Transurban who will be collecting high priced tolls for the next 40 years?