

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

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I do not support the Beaches Link project in its current form. There seems to be very little benefit compared to the cost involved.

The project seems to encourage private vehicle use which given the current environmental concerns is disappointing. The planning phase does not appear to have considered suitable public transport alternatives.

The tunnelling should be well away from Manly Dam and Burnt Bridge Creek. We cannot do damage to such wonderful natural habitat. If there needs to be a tunnel (whether for private cars or a sensible public transport option such as light rail) the entrances should be moved further north (which is also probably where the demand is for better commute times).

Ventilation stacks have to be filtered and moved well away from schools. Some of the analysis in the EIS was questionable around the impact of unfiltered stacks. There must be questions of legal liability if unfiltered stacks lead to health issues given the complacency of some of the conclusions. No risks can be taken with the health of children.

The state of NSW could spend \$14 billion in much better ways than an unnecessary tunnel. Improve local roads. Improve the spit bridge crossing with a better bridge if necessary (although questionable). More importantly consider bike paths, bus lanes and the connectivity of public transport.

To reiterate, I do not support the plan for the Beaches Link in its current ill considered form.