

**Submission  
No 75**

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

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I address only item (c) in the Terms of Reference and only in respect to the Beaches Link. I believe the cost of the project will need to include vast multistorey car parks on all the Northern Beaches to avoid 12 hour long gridlock throughout the peninsula on hot weekends and holidays.

Tens of thousands of western suburbs families hitherto denied access to the beach will take up the chance offered to them by this government. All parking is already taken on such days so the result will be thousands of cars attempting to cruise about seeking a refuge. We can hardly expect one parent to drive their car back to the western suburbs in the heat and return after dark. Local artists could spend years painting these structures so that they blend in with the environment and avoid a Gold Coast skyline. All this needs to be included in the costing.