

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

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I object to this project being a road tunnel and not a Metro rail tunnel for the following reasons:

Metro/Rail would transfer move more more passengers more efficiently.

Metro/Rail would be for ALL not just people with parking the other end.

Metro/Rail will mean no unfiltered smoke stacks pumping toxic fumes into very densely populated areas like Cammeray.

Metro/Rail would mean a high-density hub could be made at the stations to accommodate the future growth of Sydney (such as what is being done at Crows Nest)

Metro/Rail would be cheaper and quicker to get up and running.

Metro/Rail would take people OUT of cars and onto public transport with the added benefit of reducing pollution further.

Metro/Rail would improve safety - we know that many elderly people visit their elderly friends and relatives in hospitals and having a Metro/Rail at Northern Beaches hospital (instead of driving being the only way) would give elderly people the option of not having to drive. Almost every day there is an old person who drives into something or someone. As we move toward being an older population let's provide alternatives to being forced to drive to retain independence.

Sydney road tolls increase by way more than inflation and that is just not sustainable. People will still avoid the tolls (refer to CCT for example and how government own modelling was way off.)

When Mrs Berejiklian was in opposition she was against unfiltered smoke stacks.. now she is creating more with longer tunnels and therefore more pollution in a high density area. Why?

On Facebook where Willoughby Living has over 30k of members not ONE person said they were in favour of a road tunnel over a metro. Almost everyone agrees that the Northern Beaches have long been ignored and I for one, moved from the Northern Beaches for that precise reason... relying on infrequent buses and when it rains you are an hour late to work. I would never have moved if there was a Metro.

Please, please reconsider a Metro over a road tunnel.