

**Submission
No 100**

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

Name: Ms Marita Macrae

Date Received: 9 June 2021

Submission to Parliamentary Enquiry: Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link Tunnel

Marita Macrae

June 9 2021

I am absolutely opposed to the Beaches Link project and the tunnel construction. A few of my many objections are:

1. The project is unnecessary and unaffordable by NSW. Road traffic to the Northern Beaches should not be encouraged by such a project, favouring private vehicles. Available money should be spent on other services that the community needs, for instance highly developed public transport on existing roads.
2. The destruction of bushland: threatened species habitat including the removal of nearly 1.5 hectares of Duffys Forest Endangered Ecological Community, Manly Dam Reserve, Garigal National Park, Burnt Bridge creek and the general landscape is unacceptable.
3. Where biodiversity offsets are proposed there is no possibility that these will result in a net zero loss of bushland and habitat. Whatever plants and animals are in the project area will simply die.

Political considerations should play no part in assessing the worth of this project. Please cancel it.

I look forward to your response to my submission.