

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

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iI believe that the quality of the surrounding environment plays a critical role in everyday lives, our well-being and that of our community. At a time when our neighbourhoods, urban tree canopy, bushland, parks, wetlands, rivers and bays are under increasing pressure from overdevelopment and poor planning there is an ever greater need for government to rethink plans for the beaches link and consider a kinder option to our environment, eco-system, flora and fauna. This oversight and impending action could leave communities with lasting negative affects for generations to come. Not to mention the impending destruction of a community that uses flat rock as a place of solace and sanctuary. In today's world a communities mental health is paramount to supporting our countries economy. Research has proven that regular exercise, connecting to nature and having the option and space to spend time outside with friends and family leads to a healthier community.