

Submission  
No 147

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

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**NSW Parliamentary Enquiry on the West Harbour and Beaches Link Tunnel**

**To The Members of the Enquiry**

Dear Members this submission is an **objection** to the Beaches Link section of the enquiry only.

This is to represent my wife and myself. We are self-funded retirees and part pensioners. We have several objections to the proposal and have attended presentations at Balgowlah Boys High School and Balgowlah Golf Club. Neither of these presentations was consultation as is probably claimed. The meeting was given presentations and told what the plan was for the tunnel.

Our objections are identified below.

1. Cost to us. We have our children and their family living the other side of Sydney in Jannali and at Yass NSW. We regularly use the Harbour Tunnel and the M5 Motorway to visit and child mind. Over time as new extensions were connected to the M5 tolls we have to pay each way have gone from 2 charges to 4 charges. Our car is still driving on the same section toll road as it did before the connection. As self-funded retirees we can't afford the to continue to receive extra tolls. These tolls I might add are indexed and increase each in addition every year.
2. The projected time saving quoted at the presentation was greater than the time we take in the current peak hour. It normally takes 20 minutes to one half hour to be across the harbour tunnel and near the airport. The saving being quoted was 40 minutes saving. This is a fictitious dreamt up time projection. I suspect that this one of many wrong statistics used to justify the proposal.
3. The projected traffic volumes will show to be overstated as well. Many journeys from the northern beaches will not be suited by using the tunnel.
4. The project plans to close Balgowlah Golf Course. This is very valuable community public course of 90 years that is affordable to players of all financial situations. The course has experienced and increase in membership and course using in the recent years.
5. There is not a credible cost/benefit analysis been put forward for the project. What financial analysis has this proposal been based on and why hasn't it been released.
6. Alternate solutions to the people moving problem have not been properly considered for the mass movement of people. Surely this is a better solution and in line with the state governments intention to reduce pollution by electrifying transport.

Yours Faithfully,

Robert Jones.

On Behalf of Robert and Pamela Jones.