

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

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I oppose the current proposal for the Beaches Link tunnel. To do Significant damage to rare native habitat (both land based and aquatic) and disturb land known to have toxic contamination is ill conceived. To do it for a toll road when there has been no investigation of public transport alternatives is a planning failure.

In an era where we know the importance of environmental protection, to damage the area feeding Manly Dam, Middle Harbour and Flat Rock Gully is totally inappropriate.

To spend \$14 billion without a business case is an abrogation of fiscal responsibility.

I live two blocks from the Brook Street access ramp to the Warringah Expressway. If the traffic impacts of large truck movements noted in the EIS are even half correct, my multiple trips per week will become not just slower but much more dangerous.

From Brook St northbound I have to do a merge into two lanes of traffic coming southbound on Brook St, to access the Expressway. A large number of B-double trucks will make that merge perilous.

It is unconscionable to propose putting tunnel ventilation stacks near schools at Balgowlah and Cammeray. The new suggestion that electric vehicles should be encouraged to make the tunnel air quality safer is an indication of the dangers the tunnel air quality poses.

Mooted travel time savings on the tunnel use are at best theoretical. Reducing traffic usage of Military Road by 10%, while disrupting and damaging the lifestyle and environment for Willoughby council residents is not a fair balance.

It is my hope that a much more rigorous review of alternatives is undertaken before this project is approved.