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

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I have not been very vocal in my objection to the proposed plans for the western harbour and beaches link tunnel. I agree that changes do need to occur to future proof our city and that change will have to come as population increases.

However I feel that the lack of thought, planning and transparency around the project to date has failed to address the very real implications of this project being implemented by not releasing the business case.

There is also the lack of serious alternatives for public transport. Why would there not be an attempt to create a multimodal tunnel road/metro as seen in Denmark and America particularly as the tunnel would be very easily linked to Chatswood metro lines?

As locals with young children who have discovered fishing, the environmental impact of the tunnelling on the marine life cannot be overstated. In the recent months from sites such as Clive park, Pearl bay and Castlecrag steps we have seen groups of little penguins swimming in the area on different occasions, as well as seals, rays and many species of fish. The biodiversity on land in flat rock gully will also be negatively impacted. Destruction of these habitats completely unacceptable given our current level of environmental awareness.

Finally, whilst I do hope that in the future we will move to electric/zero emission vehicles, with children in local north Sydney schools I have to object strongly to the possible emissions that will occur as a direct result of the stacks that are being built.

Thank you for your consideration.