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

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SUBMISSION TO NSW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL INQUIRY INTO THE IMPACT OF THE WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL AND BEACHES LINK

The Public Works Committee is inquiring into the impact of the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link.

This submission is made by _____ as a concerned parent of my children attending Balgowlah Boys High school. I am concerned about the impact of the tunnel construction on the quality of education of my sons will receive, due to both the expected and unknown impacts of the Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection proposal in the vicinity of the Balgowlah Boys Campus.

As the tunnel construction period is estimated at 6 years that will impact my sons at the end of their time at high school when they will be studying for their HSC exams along with many other students. This is no doubt that this will negatively impact the outstanding results that the school has been able to achieve in recent years.

I am concerned about noise from construction activities severely disrupting teaching and learning activities and adversely affecting the concentration and learning of students, teachers, and staff in the school. I do not know how the boys will be expected to concentrate on their lessons in that environment.

During the construction phase there will be major disruptions due to noise and vibration of the many construction vehicles accessing the site which will have an impact on the boy's enjoyment of the outside spaces that are available to them. The space is already limited for the number of boys on the grounds, and I would like to know what plans are going to be put in place to mitigate the noise and dust pollution?

In addition, if Balgowlah Oval is used as a construction site – what alternative green spaces are being offered for the boys to use?

What long term effect will the noise and dust pollution have on the boys physical and mental health?

The traffic impact and safety of pedestrians are also of high concern, my boys walk to school, and I worry for their safety with the proposed number of truck movements each day.

I am not opposed to the tunnel in anyway, but I would like to ensure that the aspects of the impact on the school community are addressed, and appropriate mitigation strategies are in place before the construction phase beings.

Regards,