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

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I am opposed to the Beaches link tunnel on the basis that the business case has not been made out whereas the likely risk to the environment and integrity of middle Harbour and the local remaining bushland precincts around Northbridge is very strong.

There should be more consideration of public transport options for the northern Beaches access instead of yet another road tunnel.

The construction alone will inflict substantial damage on the environment in the local area. The risks of the tunnels doing long term damage to Middle harbour by dredging and disrupting the harbour floor and marine life are very apparent and have not been satisfactorily addressed.

Sydney has substantial problems with traffic yet building yet another road and tunnel network is not worth the risk of serious and possibly irretrievable damage to the environmental and limited benefits to road commuters with this project- the geography of Middle Harbour is too challenging and so this project is at odds with other road and tunnel projects given the complexity and risks involved.

Consideration should be given to light rail or other transport options.

The construction phase alone will cause very substantial damage to the local environment areas.