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

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To whom it may concern,

Flat Rock Gully is a beautiful ecosystem with both heritage and educational value and to have the Northern Beaches Tunnel built would be very disappointing. We are Geography students at a school within 10 minutes' walk of the Gully and we use the Gully for our studies. Over this time, we have learnt about the rich biodiversity in the Gully and the recent regeneration of the bush. Flat Rock Gully is home to so many stunning flora and fauna and to have the Northern Beaches Tunnel go ahead would have significant impacts on the biodiversity. The constant noise and pollution from the construction waste would heavily affect the endemic species living there. As the Gully is located on a slope, it is also impossible to prevent the runoff of all the chemicals and waste from the construction which would definitely pollute the already damaged water. By going through with this tunnel, it is a clear indication that the government is putting the utility value of ecosystems before its intrinsic value and that is so disappointing.

“Flat Rock Gully, the site of a toxic old rubbish dump, is not an appropriate excavation point for any type of dig, Relocation of the primary dig site must be a top priority for the Government for success”.

Regards,