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

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To Whom it may concern,

If Flat Rock Gully isn't already important for recreation, local fauna and flora, Indigenous significance, it is also crucial for its educational value. I'm a local school student at Willoughby Girls High School and have been studying 'vulnerable' ecosystems as a topic for the HSC. I have come to realise how extraordinary and diverse this ecosystem is and partly only because I have actually been there, rather than just reading about it. Information is completely useless if you don't interact with it yourself. Being able to physically examine and observe the complex changes in Flat Rock Gully allows me to learn and makes me realise just how detrimental and non-sensical it would be to complete this Northern Beaches Tunnel. So please, to add to the list, think of how this ecosystem contributes to my learning and to future students learning because quality education is not simply made up of reading textbooks.