

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

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- The Beaches Link Tunnel needs to be assessed as a stand-alone project, separate to the Western Harbour Tunnel. TfNSW have joined them together when it suited them, and we know the business case is better with cheaper build costs for the Western Harbour Tunnel. There is no logic to them needing to be built together.
- The business case, cost-benefit analysis and the assumptions that go into them make up the critical information needed to know whether the project is a good idea. However the government continues to hide this information, and not release it to the public. Should this information be released, they also need to be open about the amount of development and increase to the population on the Northern Beaches that comes with a tunnel.
- The environmental impact will be devastating to many sensitive areas, and has not received significant attention in the EIS process, or awareness in the wider community.