

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

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I object to the WHT and Beaches Link Tunnel. I believe it fails under the following terms of reference provided by this NSW Inquiry.

A, B, C, F, G, H, I, J, K

I object to the proposed version of this project demonstrated in the WHT- EIS on the following fundamental issues:

- The project appears to 'solve' a non-existent problem
- Public transport options (bus, rail or hybrid alternatives) have not been considered as required by SEARS. A major issue for me.
- The project appears important mainly to support the West Connex business model.
- There is no Business Case (still) presented and most International cities (London, New York, Hong Kong) are trying to reduce cars out of the city.

If the WHT were to go ahead regardless of such fundamental OBJECTIONS

- I OBJECT to the lack of filtration on the proposed air vent stacks - also the alarming disregard for the proposed increases in poor air quality & impacts on health.
- Further community consultation and filtration of the stacks should be a CONDITION of approval
- I object to the large traffic and pedestrian impacts across North Sydney CBD and the LGA. This EIS provides poorer local traffic journeys with reduced choice for North Sydney residents AND those seeking to access the proposed new roads in our LGA. The present design is providing worse access at a local level – not better.
- Huge increase in the number of toll roads which marginalizes the poorest in our community.
- The permanent loss of open, green space – especially at Cammeray Golf Course (which should be parkland in my view). The planned buildings are large and should be sunk into the landscape with green space remediation above. Further serious consultation is required on this aspect and as a CONDITION OF APPROVAL there should be no net loss of green space in our LGA post construction.
- The WHT- EIS consultation has been badly effected by COVID-19 restrictions and should be extended by the Minister for Planning with immediate effect.
- I support North Sydney Councils 134 page draft report on this WHT-EIS. This contains many key criticisms of the WHT – EIS. These must be addressed.

I have great concern and OBJECT to the lack of planning and detail in regard to the temporary 'construction-phase aspects' such as...

- minimising noise, dust and vibration impacts from the drilling and excavation work. Not just at the site(s) of boring but truck movements and spill (contaminated or otherwise) removal via local roads.
- Proper detail prior to construction, with community consultation and the ability to advise, amend and control problematic truck movements, routes and hours of operation. This should be a CONDITION OF APPROVAL.
- Provide dedicated parking for the vast number of people working on the project as a CONDITION OF APPROVAL.
- Increased consultation and enforceable monitoring "powers" for North Sydney Council or an appropriate "neutral" community accountable body.