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

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I object to this development for its total lack of a business case, and its continued lack of transparency regarding cost and work.

The following areas: Middle Harbour, Flat Rock Gully, Manly Dam, Cammeray and North Sydney are under threat from contamination, groundwater drawdown, and construction impacts on marine and bushland ecosystems.

With a double unfiltered exhaust stack only 600m from Anzac Park School and close to many other schools in Cammeray and North Sydney, and tunneling dive sites at Cammeray Golf Course and Flat Rock Gully, the quality of the air old and young residents, local school children and teachers will also be severely compromised.

We are told that these exhaust stacks are "world standard" - this is simply untrue.

The EIS which was, I seem to recall, several thousand pages long, did not explicitly indicate the sensitivity of the air quality impacts... nor the magnitude of the potential error in predictions of traffic. It obfuscated the truth.

We hope this Parliamentary Inquiry will look deeply into this backward step for Sydney and its transport system. Far from encouraging more cars onto our streets, Transport for New South Wales should be providing fast, low-pollution public transport systems.