

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

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Submission to the Inquiry into the Impact of the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link

I write to object strongly to the Beaches Link Tunnel and Warringah Freeway upgrade as set out in the current Environmental Impact Statement.

I agree with and endorse those Submissions from the Balgowlah Residents Group, the Baringa Bush Residents Group and most especially from the P&Cs of Balgowlah Boys High School, Seaforth Public School and St. Cecelia's Primary School.

I had been hoping to send my son to Balgowlah Boys High School. If the Beaches Link Tunnel goes ahead I do not dare risk doing that. He is vulnerable with respiratory illnesses and I will not permit him to be put under the potential health threat posed by an unfiltered Stack sited so close to a school. The State government refuses to consider Filtration despite medical experts views (via the NSW Chief Medical Officer) there will be a definite increase in toxins but that not enough people will die according to modelling to justify the expense of Filtration.

I encourage all members of this Committee to read the Balgowlah Residents Group Submission from **Page 42 Unfiltered Stacks** to appreciate the full gravity of this situation. Any claims that petrol driven vehicles will not be with us in Australia for much longer are refuted by the very makers of Electric Vehicles who have the most to gain by the disappearance of petrol-driven vehicles.

I ask that the Beaches Link Tunnel proposal be rejected by this Committee, withdrawn immediately and all other options re-considered. Our childrens' futures depend on it.