

**Submission
No 240**

INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL AND BEACHES LINK

Organisation: Mosman Council

Date Received: 18 June 2021

17 June 2021

The Director
Public Works Committee
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir/Madam

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

On 9 April 2021 Council received a letter of notification from Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC, on behalf of the Public Works Committee, inviting Mosman Council to make a submission to the above inquiry.

Mosman Council at its meeting on 2 February 2021 considered the exhibition of the EIS for the Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection and resolved that:

1. Council provide in principle support for the Beaches Link Project.
2. The Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) dated December 2020, prepared by Transport for NSW be received and noted.
3. A Councillor workshop be arranged in February 2021 with TfNSW to discuss the relevant matters highlighted in this report and any other matters to allow Council to finalise its submission.
4. Council's submission in relation to the Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection EIS includes the following:
 - a. A Working Group to be established by TfNSW and include Mosman and North Sydney Councils with a view to including in the Beaches Link Project the revitalisation of the Spit-Military Roads Corridor to improve the corridor's function, amenity and accessibility as per the NSW Government's 'Movement and Place Framework' approach.
 - b. Adequate funding be provided in the Project Budget to fund all works in revitalising the Spit-Military Road Corridor.
 - c. Details of the occupancy of Spit West Reserve be subject to a formal lease with Mosman Council and/or a Works on Council Property Application by TfNSW. TfNSW should seek to minimise any impacts as a result of this occupancy on adjoining stakeholders in the area.

5. Council seek support from North Sydney Council to establish the Working Group referred to in 4a above.
6. The General Manager be Delegated Authority to finalise the submission to TfNSW after the Councillor Workshop and finalise any details on a Working Group and potential occupancy of Spit West Reserve.

Mosman Council supports the Beaches Link Project in principle and understand that the project comprises a new underground motorway bypass of the Spit-Military Road and Warringah Road corridors. The proposed motorway tunnel will connect the Warringah Freeway at Cammeray and the Gore Hill Freeway at Artarmon to the Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation at Balgowlah and Wakehurst Parkway at Seaforth. The project also includes a surface upgrade of Wakehurst Parkway from Seaforth to Frenches Forest and upgrade and integration works to connect to the Gore Hill Freeway and Reserve Road at Artarmon.

Council has raised several improvements that should be considered as part of the works and have included them in the EIS submission.

Mosman Council appreciates the opportunity to provide a submission to the inquiry. If you have any further questions please contact Council's Senior Traffic Engineer, Sam Sathanesan on 9978 4022.

Yours sincerely

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