

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

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This submission is in OPPOSITION to the current Northern Beaches Tunnel proposal due to the environmental impact such construction would have.

As a life-long Northern Beaches resident, I feel compelled to emphasise the fragility of the natural environment we're lucky enough to enjoy locally. It's irreplaceable and impossible to recover if damaged by major construction.

The loss of natural habitat, waterways, expulsion of air pollution and loss of local species must not be considered further.

If this were to proceed, we'd be killing the very treasures that people want to visit and enjoy on the Northern Beaches. And additional traffic would compound that further.

The NB Tunnel comes at too high a price and its benefits do not justify the cost (environmental, financial or lifestyle, for the thousands of people temporarily or permanently disrupted by the construction).

PLEASE STOP THE NB TUNNEL PROPSAL for all the following reasons:

- 1) Wanting to save community Green Spaces
- 2) Keeping contaminants in the ground
- 3) Keeping our sporting fields usable
- 4) Protecting our wildlife corridors
- 5) Better and more sustainable planning
- 6) Greater transparency and accountability
- 7) Protecting Aboriginal and Natural Heritage
- 8) The project benefits / value just don't add up