

**Submission  
No 257**

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

**Name:** David Dobbin

**Date Received:** 16 June 2021

---

re Proposed Northern Beaches Tunnel

I write to strongly object to the plans as published for this infrastructure development

The permanent increase in traffic volumes in Cammeray and surrounding streets will change the face of this community for ever.

This area is predominantly residential and is surrounded by schools, the potential increase in safety concerns for the whole community are enormous, there has been no duty of care taken by the planners to deal with this real issue

One of the excavation sites proposed is at the base of Flat Rock Drive, the loss of flora and fauna is immense with the pollution as well of the local creeks running through Tunks parks, however the most concerning safety issue using this site will be the stated movement of 750 truck movements a day from this base, the danger to the local community and their families cannot be overstated. This route will become a death trap for all those people forced to navigate this route on a daily basis

Let alone the logistics of trucks leaving this site and going South up a big hill to join the expressway

This development needs to be stopped and more visionary options planned on how to alleviate traffic problems on the Northern Beaches

There has been no attention paid to the maintenance of the local communities and our lifestyles and the threat to our local children with exhaust stacks placed in close proximity raises further long term health concerns

The Government is hell bent on building infrastructure without any business case to support this \$15 Billion dollar spend, like the light rail in the city to Randwick it will be a white elephant, witness the Lane Cove tunnel and the cross city tunnel both economic failures

This whole proposal needs to be revisited and the viability properly looked at

The human cost to the local community will be devastating, a generation of our children will have their lives put at risk