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

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The WHTBL project misrepresents many of the positive benefits of the project.

They say they're connecting communities and improving walking and cycling paths, yet there is still no improvement of walking/cycling in the area.

They will remove the cycle bridge under Falcon Street. They will replace the user path at Falcon Street in the same place, instead of extending it into St Leonards park. Instead of crossing at 2 signalised intersections to get across Falcon Street at St Leonards park there will be four individual signals you have to cross.

The cycle lane from Ernest Street golf course to North Sydney on the free way should is being removed.

It is false that they are improve connections, they are making them worse. They should be held accountable to the promises they make. Why don't they have to improve the situation while they get billions in free funding from the government, to then toll us to a private company?

The parkland at Ernest Street golf course will be destroyed and turned into motorway centres, with no intention to rehabilitate the land or sink the building into the landscape.

The exhaust from the smoke stacks will be unfiltered, and instead of 10+ lanes of traffic pollution culminating in the vicinity of Cammeray, there is 2x 3lanes x 10kms in each direction of pollution. They claim the pollution is negligible yet their own maps shade the area in dark purple indicating significant detriment to the area. They claim the pollution will be within approved levels, what are they going to do, close the tunnel every time the levels exceed the approved pollution levels?

Why aren't public transport solutions east/west from the beaches created to better connect with Chatswood and North Sydney.

The cost of the project should not just be calculated in dollars, it should consider the impact it has on the environment and the people that live there. Those impacted the worst should be compensated with better green space, parkland and connectivity. Instead, even that is being taken away at Ernest Street Cammeray. The green space lost in the golf course isn't being replace. The smoke stack will tower over the schools. The bike paths still do not connect north/south from Naremburn to the City. It could have been a perfect opportunity to create a separate green cycle way the length of the freeway on the western shoulder, lining up with the existing cycleway in Naremburn and connecting through to the Western side of the bridge where the cycle lane exists. Instead there are ill conceived token improvements that do not follow the geography or desire lines of A to B, and are detours taking longer and a deterrent to encouraging people to move via active transport.

The whole project is backwards, car dominant and an extension of the freeway car centric problem that makes Sydney. unliveable. Why are there no alternatives being compared, to justify that it is the wrong solution? The solution will only funnel more people into the bottlenecks and strangle Sydney.