

Submission  
No 283

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

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I am deeply concerned about the proposed Beaches link project for the following reasons:-

1. I have perused the submissions by WEPA and Bay Precinct and completely agree with their concerns.
2. The pollution that will be produced during and after construction is of great concern. I.e. a) heavy metals will be distributed on the floor of Middle Harbour, b) sediments will enter Sydney Harbour c) concentrated air pollution will be emitted from the air exit vent towers and effect the surrounding areas below. d) ground water feeding our waterways and bushland will be affected. e) dangerous gases will be emitted from the old tip site in Willoughby Park that will effect the health of nearby residents and increase climate change. f) sewerage will enter Sydney Harbour from Tunks Park during construction and g) increase vehicle movements will result with a great increase in air pollution around The city of Sydney.
3. Consideration should be giving to providing a crossing from Manly or nearby to the Eastern Suburbs for the use by Public transport, which would be much cheaper and relieve the existing congestion on the Sydney Harbour Bridge.
4. The proposal will result in a constant traffic jam on the already congested Sydney Harbour Bridge not only during peak hours.
5. The proposal will result in the loss of Flat Rock Creek bushland and open green space in Willoughby and North Sydney. This green space is badly needed for the existing population. More green space will be needed due to this Government's policy on consolidation with increase in development and population.
6. The increase in vehicles/ truck movements around the lower north shore will make it impossible for residents to move about their daily chores relating to work, schools, shopping and the like. The roads will be more dangerous with a greater increase in dust and air pollution, resulting in poor health for the nearby communities and greater Sydney as the pollution levels will rise to an unhealthy level.
7. The Government needs to cease this proposal and provide an alternative crossing for public transport such as a railway serving the northern beaches and connecting to the Eastern suburbs at KingsCross. It would solve more problems, with less pollution, cost, and congestion.