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

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I object to the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link projects because of, but not limited to, the following:

- no business case has been made public which demonstrates the need for, or viability, of these projects.
- no public transport options have been investigated/presented.
- the cost to use these roads will be prohibitive to many resulting in "rat running" through local roads and adversely impacting residents as well as putting pressure on road networks that are not equipped for it I.e. Miller St, Cammeray to North Sydney
- the changes to how those on the lower north shore access the freeway is detrimental, inconvenient and puts undue pressure on the roads in North Sydney.
- there are significant environmental impacts associated with dredging the harbour, disturbing old landfill areas, clearing of vegetation, loss of habitat for animals.
- unfiltered emissions stacks being built in highly populous areas which have a high density of young, school age inhabitants.
- creation of such roads encourages reliance on vehicles and contributes to pollution and climate issues.
- genuine improvements in road surface traffic and pollution has not been proven to result from these projects due to the use of outdated modelling.