

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

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Dear NSW parliament enquiry,
Many thanks for considering this issue.

My concerns relate firstly to the use of Flat Rock Gully as a dive site. This will have an enormous impact on this unique inner city wildlife and botanical habitat, and the local community. So many families, individuals and commuters use this area every day, enjoying the waterway, unique birdlife, animals and plant communities. Digging it up will destroy the local environment, surrounds including native flora and fauna will be disturbed.

Another significant impact and major objection is the significant number of truck movements heaving up the extremely steep incline of Flat Rock Road which will create pollution but most important create huge traffic congestion and bottle necks - cars will be forced off Flat Rock Rd and back onto Sailors Bay Rd/Miller St through Cammeray. This already busy traffic area, with significant numbers of school children and small local shops and businesses will be negatively impacted by traffic congestion and truck movements. These roads weren't built to support this!

Secondly, the truck movements and eventual closure of Brook St to the Harbour Tunnel will cause rat runs through Willoughby to Willoughby Rd, and unacceptable congestion on the Willoughby Rd exit to the freeway, which doubles as the main road connection between Chatswood and Crows Nest. Further, the rat run will be pushed further from Willoughby to Northbridge and Cammeray as a means to get to the city and north sydney.

Thirdly, the impact on bushland near Wakehurst Parkway is distressing. The pollution and dredging impacts on middle harbour are of significant concern.

Fourthly, the business case has not been proven. The northern beaches needs infrastructure to support long term viable public transport, not toll roads.

Fifthly, the pollution into Cammeray is concerning. As a Cammeray resident, we already suffer significantly from pollution and congestion. Our tiny suburb needs green space, not roads and ventilation stacks.