

**Submission
No 300**

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

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Dear Parliamentary Inquiry,

As a longtime resident and also a local medical practitioner I am concerned with the health of this community and environment.

The impact on the community and on the surrounding environment as a result of the western harbour tunnel is serious and I believe should not be built.

We are aware that the building of these tunnels has already created in the inner west area much disruption in the community with individual families and houses being affected, at times there is seriously so. The pollution that will occur in the harbour will be irredeemable and cause long-term damage to the recovering ecosystem of the Sydney basin waterways.

I urge you to reconsider strongly the rebuilding of this tunnel. The improvement of public transport has consistently shown to reduce road traffic. And increasing numbers of freeways shows that within a short-term traffic accumulates and fails to provide the access is that we hopeful.

Your sincerely

Dr Liz Rickman