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

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I am very concerned about the planned Northern Beaches tunnel and massive development of Wakehurst Parkway.

The tunnelling will endanger marine life with destruction of seabeds with sea grass and blasting will endanger wildlife.

Our Manly Little Penguin colony is already under threat from human intervention such as boats and ongoing development along the coast, plus predation from unleashed dogs and foxes. The use of dredging of the seabed will disturb feeding grounds for our penguins and the fish/crustaceans they feed on.

Any blasting carried out will also have an affect on many marine life, with dispersal of toxins from the sediment, such as heavy metals.

The widening of the Wakehurst Parway will add to the already disturbed wildlife residing in Garigal National Parkway, which will be heavily encroached by the extra amount of traffic and fumes, during roadwork some of native animals will be severely affected, eg Swamp Wallabies, echinas, many bird species with the loss of trees and natural bushland.

Our flying fox Colony of Balgowlah will also be seriously affected by the nearby Burnt Bridge Creek likely to be drained and trees where they roost demolished.