

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

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My family and I have strong objections to this project for the following reasons:

1. The dig site in Flat Rock is a lazy location to choose that wrecks parklands and will kill native species;
2. This dig site is going to open up an asbestos-filled dump site that will undoubtedly blow particles onto my house and almost definitely slowly and painfully kill me, my wife, and our children;
3. It looks like it will be dramatically more difficult for Northbridge residents to get onto any of the roads into the city. Why would you design it this way? Surely you would want to make things better for people instead of worse.
4. The volume of trucks going into this dig site seems inordinate at 70 ins and 70 outs per hour. The traffic chaos and noise this would create in a residential area is silly. If you could do this with one or two trucks an hour then that might be ok. Please check your calculations - clearly you haven't thought this through.
5. There's a suggestion that digging and truck movements will only happen from 0700hrs till 1900hrs Mon-Sat. That's a hard 'no' from me on this. If you insist on proceeding then make it 0900hrs till 1700hrs Mon-Fri only. Anything outside those times must be punished.
6. With the anticipated volumes of chemicals and carcinogenic materials washing down to Tunks park from the dump site and poisoning the area why would you not choose somewhere that won't destroy the environment? Surely this isn't hard.
7. What compensation schemes do you have for those people whose homes are affected by the earth movements during digging? You have a bad track record with such things, so I expect you have a good answer for this now. Where is this info?
8. I understand that you plan to affect the underground water table along the path of the tunnel. How do you plan to rectify the impact of this eg large swathes of trees dying when they have dramatically reduced water?
9. In Nov 2018 I wrote to Gladys requesting that she not proceed with causing all this damage. The letter her staffers sent back stated that she agreed. I recommend you check with her before proceeding as she apparently decided against this project a while ago.

To be clear - I accept that the environmental area you will destroy is only a few square kilometers and you are only killing a small number of residents. On balance these deaths are not a reason to halt the progress of modern society, you can consider us to be collateral damage. It is my preference however to not live in a house with gaping cracks or to die painfully from an incurable lung disease. As such I object to this project.