

Supplementary
Submission
No 299a

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

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Dear committee members

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

I wish to object to the proposed impact of the new Road upgrade and its effect on faunal connectivity across the Wakehurst Parkway from Garigal National Park to the Manly Dam area.

The plans show that there would be an underpass and some rope bridges to connect these two areas of bushland.

This is totally inadequate. The Northern Beaches Roadkill Prevention Committee has roadkill records going back to 2005.

This area along the Wakehurst Parkway near Judah Street has a high rate of roadkill of animals especially swamp wallabies (*Wallabia bicolor*)

There needs to be a substantial dedicated animal overpass equivalent to the one planned for the Mona Vale Road West upgrade.

This would be essential to connect these two large sections of bushland that are greatly valued by the general public.

The lack of connectivity for wildlife will lead to the loss of resilience of wildlife populations or worse the loss of populations in this area. A recent bio blitz (2021) of the Manly Dam area shows that many faunal species that should have been present were not observed. This is because the Manly Dam is already largely isolated by housing to the south and east, the Warringah Road upgrade to the north, and the Wakehurst Parkway to the west.

This isolation of these pieces of bushland needs to be remedied urgently.

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