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

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I wish to loge an objection to the Beaches Link Tunnel.

The project is not warranted on many levels. The cost is too great, both financially (for minimal if any benefit to traffic flows once complete), and to the environment. The loss of green space for recreation during construction is immense, the loss of habitat for our native animals is too much.

The cost to our ability to live and move about in this area during the 5-10 year construction phase will be severely limited. The cost in terms of health to the students, teachers and residents of local schools, childcare centres, workplaces and homes in the area will be unbearable with ongoing issues due to dust , vibrations & noise during the construction phase, and the deleterious health impacts from the unfiltered smoke stack once the construction is complete is not acceptable.

The business case did not add up before covid19, and since covid19 with many more people working from home it is even less viable. This project assumes we all travel to & from the city for work which is not the case. In any case we have a B Line which is servicing the route successfully.

Governments should be encouraging residents and students to be more active (for the health benefits) and making this easier by building bike paths and footpaths, and making public transport easily accessible, not encouraging car use and taking away our already limited green space.

We don't need this tunnel, we don't want this tunnel.

Do not waste our taxpayer money on this project.