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

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My name is _____, I have lived in Balgowlah for the majority of my life . The last 30 years owning property here . During my 20's I traveled each day to the University of NSW and subsequently have worked in the building industry throughout the Lower North Shore and Northern Beaches . Consequently I am very familiar with the Traffic flow on the spit bridge and the peak hours on Military road .

I believe that the Beaches Link Project will fail to deliver improvement to the movement of people and goods/services in our area for these reasons .

-- The traffic Bottleneck is only being moved to the present site of Freedom furniture at Condamine St Balgowlah .

-- Projected increases in Traffic volume (why would \$ 6 billion plus plus be spent otherwise) cannot

possibly be handled by Condamine St/Pittwater Rd as it travels north through Manly Vale , Brookvale

and on to Dee Why

-- To make the Beaches Link work it would need at least as much money to be spent on a continuation , some sort

of US styled ' Beaches Freeway ' as far as Narrabeen . It would have to be tunnelled as the Topography here does not provide a route , thus it is not an option .

-- The entry/ exit Traffic light controlled point for the Manly/ Seaforth/ Balgowlah traffic is highly

problematic . It would see at the very least the same backup of cars on Spit Rd north side waiting at traffic lights to exit the ' Link/Freeway' but in the tunnel

Importantly this same backup of stationary traffic waiting to turn , would be concentrating fumes in the proposed Tunnel , and not into the sky as happens now .

There are no filtered exhausts .

In summary a huge amount of money for very little benefit . Peak hour traffic will be stationary in the tunnel

as there would be inevitable and ever growing bottlenecks starting at the lights on the proposed link/freeway for Balgowlah/Seaforth/Manly entry exit .

More concerning is that for all this civil engineering proposed , it will all be negated by the Cascade of Traffic Lights

which begins in Manly Vale in the Kenneth Rd area . The proposal expects councils ' to pick up the Baton' here , no solution at all .

Roads increase traffic , countless studies show .

Different and slimmer corridors are needed .The same money should be spent on Light Rail and dedicated Bus connecting across to Chatswood and beyond .

Transport is no longer about getting into the city .

Thanks for your attention

Sincerely