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

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I wish to object to the Beaches Link Harbour tunnel on a number of grounds. Firstly the community consultation has been less than adequate, people simply do not know what is proposed. My main concern is that the traffic congestion will NOT be eased, rather it will simply be shunted towards Frenchs Forest and Manly Vale. The destruction of any habitat and green space is abhorrent. Balgowlah Public golf course is a green space needed by the community, and the areas around Manly Dam and Wakehurst Parkway are vital habitats for our flora and fauna. Any transport "solution" should not be about catering for more cars on our roads! The area needs better Public Transport which could negate the need for expensive and destructive roads and tunnels. People live on the northern beaches for its green and leafy beach lifestyle, not for roads, tunnels, freeways, high rise residential and commercial buildings. This government is tampering with the lifestyles of people and the very survival of our environment. Governments are supposed to be promoting conservation, educating people about environmental issues and implementing planning measures to support these. Find a transport solution other than one that will actually increase traffic congestion, increase the number of private vehicles on roads, destroy natural resources, create marine, air and bushland pollution! In essence say NO TO BEACHES LINK TUNNEL. NSW government has the power to make thoughtful decisions that will impact upon the future of this generation. It is my view that they have the mandate and the responsibility to do so. Just finding this page is haphazard, residents do not know about this inquiry, I find it rather odd that such an important Inquiry has been kept so quiet. The public are not well informed and that could be not only dangerous for our environment, but prejudicial for any government who proceeds in this manner.