

Submission
No 338

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

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I am making this submission as a concerned Seaforth resident. We have chosen to live in the Northern Beaches to enjoy the beautiful natural environment. Our two favourite family activities are kayaking in Middle Harbour and bike riding from Seaforth along the Burnt Bridge Creek track into Manly.

I understand the natural environments of Middle Harbour and the Burnt Bridge Creek are going to be significantly damaged, if not destroyed, by the construction of the proposed tunnel. These areas are precious – not just for us but for future generations to enjoy and for the existing flora and fauna to flourish. Please find an alternative option which considers a. the reduced need for travel to the CBD due to increased working from home and decentralised working options and b. increased public transport (both bus and ferry) to further remove vehicles off the road.

During school term time, I drive over the Spit Bridge 4 – 6 times a day however this would be reduced to 4 times a week if there were more buses to transport children to and from school and activities.