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

**Name:** Name suppressed

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I have lived in this house for 42 years and taught school in the area for many years. The Manly Dam area is unique and so are the playing fields and recreation spaces around Seaforth and Bantry Bay.

I am opposed to the link tunnel and the fact that it has unfiltered exhaust stacks and I am also worried about the impact on Manly Dam water life and animals, especially nocturnal. There will be lights and noise and vibrations day and night.

My entire neighborhood will be impacted by construction, vibrations and traffic chaos. I cannot believe that trucks with dirt from the Balgowlah tunnel entrance will travel over Spit bridge with their load to cross Sydney. The traffic snarls will be tremendous, not to mention workers trying to park cars all day on the side streets.

The cost does not justify the tunnel. I do support better public transport and links to Dee Why and Chatswood. I am very skeptical about the transparency of the project when the zoom meeting with transport mentioned Sydney electricity was going to dig up our driveways to put a channel for power leads to the tunnel entrance. This is not in the submission booklets. The answer was, that is a Sydney power concern, not transport. It impacts all of the residents in my area.

The tax money I pay is for the entire state of NSW. Bushfire areas and flooded areas need help too. I am also aware of the new airport and a community being built there, which needs schools and roads.

Please consider a different option to the tunnel, which is still dependent on cars and people paying tolls. The green spaces and trees are such a gift to our area and I mourn their upcoming loss.