

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

Organisation: Northern Suburbs Netball Association

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Northern Suburbs Netball Association does not support the construction of the Beaches Link Tunnel. Given we have over 5000 members, many of whom are aged between 7 and 50 years old we have grave concerns for their health due to the impact of pollution any construction would have. We feel a better solution could be found that has far less environmental impact. Points of concern are the destruction of bushland; the loss of habitat for vulnerable species; and contamination risks from disturbing the old tip at Flat Rock Gully. Other issues for concern include noise and vibration, airborne contaminants, emissions from ventilation stacks, potentially contaminated land as well as biodiversity and habitat loss. Marine life is also under threat due to sludge in Sydney Harbour that contains alarming levels of toxins would be dug up during construction.

In light of the potential harm to children from respirable crystalline silica dust and harms from other particulates from construction activities as detailed by Lung Foundation Australia and Asthma Australia:

<https://majorprojects.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/prweb/PRRestService/mp/01/getContent?AttachmentRef=EXH-11439174%2120210310T211916.024%20GMT> submission, it is recommended that NSW Government should look at alternative transport solutions and/or alternative routes to avoid having a dive site at Cammeray and Flat Rock Gully in close proximity to so many playing fields and schools.

We are fully against this project and do not feel it's in the best interests of our community.