

Submission  
No 347

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

**Name:** Name suppressed

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a long term resident of Northbridge, and am concerned about the impact the Beaches Link tunnel will have on my area.

Firstly, the western exit of the tunnel will require digging through an old tip. Disturbing this waste will negatively impact the local residence and the nature reserve Flat Rock Gully. This reserve is a great place for residence to walk along and enjoy Australian Flora and Fauna; a rare place so close to the city.

The digging and transport of dirt will greatly disrupt traffic. As Northbridge is a peninsula there are only two exits south; Strathallen Avenue and Flat Rock Gully Drive/Brook Street. The trucks that will be required for construction will greatly hamper Flat Rock Gully Drive traffic, and push it onto Strathallen which is already heavily congested in the morning.

Thirdly, there is no benefit for the local residence of Northbridge, only disadvantage with the construction, destruction of Flat Rock Gully and pollution.

A better alternative would be to invest in improving public transport from the Northern Beaches to the city, or replacing the proposed tunnel with a Metro line that goes to the city or links to a new Metro Station like North Sydney. This would reduce congestion on Sydney's already crowded roads and open up the Northern Beaches allowing for better access and housing development. A public transport option will reduce both traffic and parking issues whereas the current proposal will not.

I hope you consider the impact on Northbridge and promote the use of Public Transport.

Regards,