

**Submission
No 356**

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

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I have lived in Willoughby for ten years and have 3 young children. I travel across the area daily to take children to school in North Sydney. I am a regular public transport/ active transport user and I travel into the city 3 times a week by bus to work. I travel to visit my elderly mother at Neutral Bay twice a week and I swim at Northbridge Baths. All of these activities will be adversely affected by these projects particularly as most of these occur in and around the Warringah Freeway and Middle Harbour. I am concerned about the degradation of public transport services with a 30% drop-in services on the North Shore to add to the cuts on the Northern Beaches and I do not see how these projects support the transition to a cleaner and more functional city. School and commuter routes are currently regularly blocked by traffic seeking to access the Warringah Freeway – limiting the on and off ramp access to this corridor will further exacerbate this problem – the project appears to do nothing for local traffic or local pollution, in fact the priority is through traffic and our densifying local communities will be very much disadvantaged. I am concerned about my children's health and safety and want to see better planning for their future. I also want to see Sydney transition to a cleaner, more efficient transport system and away from our growing and unsustainable car reliance. I strongly object to these projects and the billions of dollars that will be wasted on them.