

Submission  
No 384

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

**Organisation:** Saving Sydney's Trees

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Public Works Committee,

Saving Sydneys Trees (SST), with a Database of over 12 Thousand and a Facebook Following of close to 10 Thousand, is compelled to OBJECT most strongly to the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link Project.

With the well documented knowledge of Science linked to Detriment in Public Health and Well Being and the Fiscal Budget demands at both the Personal and Government Levels incurred through the loss of Canopy, Vegetation and Green Spaces, we find this Project Fails it's Obligations to the Public Expectation of Excellence, Accountability and Best Practice.

The Implementation of a Base Case with ALL Implicated Elements, is seen as not only Best Practice in ANY Process Protocol but ESSENTIAL in the Accountability Process. We would add that Environmental issues in this Day and Age of Science and Knowledge needs to be Paramount in ALL decisions particularly in Populated Urban and Highly Restricted Areas.

The Impacts of COVID bring a cruel and critical Importance to these elements. We do not believe the Expected and Non Negotiable Obligations of the Paris Agreement (at ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT), The Objectives of The Clean Air Act. (i.e. the expectation of NON Depletion) or the Clean Water and Erosion and flood mitigation elements of Public Long Term Safety is presented.

The removal of so many Trees across the Project in areas that can not be replaced, due to it being impossible to replace IN AREA, shows a Gross absence of Accountability in the Cost Benefit Process in this and many Projects.

We see these real factors continually omitted and raise increasing Concerns over the Multiple Negative Impacts this is bringing to this City and its Public.

Fiscal Responsibility Linked costs as our Health Budget increases in Respiratory Disorders; Particulate and Pollution induced Cancers; Diabetes; Obesity; Heart Conditions; Parkinsons'; Dementia; Mental Health.

These Risks are being Imposed upon the Communities immediately surrounding this Project and the Wider Sydney Community and seem missing or Omitted from importance or acceptable Mitigation, in this design.

Further SST place into Question the Greater City Design being implemented that is requiring such long daily commutes due to distance and placement of Employment and Service Hubs....Rather than a Sustainable Community or smaller Regional Approach

\* (We make note that The 3 City Design of the Greater Sydney Commission put forward by the NSW State Government was heavily subject to the Influence of the NSW Government and therefore we ask for an Independent review of that Plan Given Environmental/Climate/Paris/COVID influences into the Future).

We ask for a rejection of this Project and the setting of a Higher Standard.

Most Sincerely  
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(On behalf of)  
Saving Sydneys Trees