

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

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The health & environmental impacts for this toll road will last generations unless it's stopped & the money saved built into real public transport not this ill advised project seemingly only built to support toll road profiteers.

Sydney & NSW deserves better.

Key areas impacted:

Rozelle "Parklands"

Yurulbin Park

White Bay

Sydney Harbour (Dredging)

Balls Head/ Berry's Bay

St Leonards Park

Cammeray Green Space

Flat Rock Gully

Clive Park

Middle Harbour (Dredging)

Spit Reserve

Balgowlah Green Space

Burnt Bridge Creek

Wakehurst Parkway

Manly Dam

Key Environmental Concerns

Contaminant release in Harbour and Middle Harbour

Contaminated Sludge dried out at White Bay

Contaminated sludge barged up under Spit and up Harbour to unknown location

Impacts to Aboriginal Heritage at Balls Head, Flat Rock, Clive Park and Wakehurst Parkway

Tip Site at Flat Rock opened up/ loss and threats to unique wildlife corridor and urban area

Loss of more than 3500 trees

Unfiltered Pollution stacks for Rozelle, Cammeray, Artarmon, Balgowlah and Seaforth

Biodiversity offsets for irreplaceable habitats

Loss of trees along Wakehurst Parkway

Run off impacts to Manly Dam

Loss of water flow to Burnt Bridge Creek

Risk of marine wildlife strike in Sydney Harbour

Noise and vibration impacts on wildlife

Impacts on sensitive mangrove/ fish breeding environs of Middle Harbour

Loss of Powerful Owl and Microbat Habitats

More unfiltered pollution stacks near parks, homes and schools

Increasing vehicle emissions and pollution across Sydney

Key other Concerns

Increased vehicle dependence and VKT's overall if built

Ineffectiveness as a congestion solution esp. Warringah Freeway

No published business case

Skills shortage to build/ delays

A poorly completed risk assessment/ high risk contaminants

No alternative public transport options scoped

Covid-19 work pattern changes not factored in
Outdated (2016) and limited traffic modelling ie local street impacts unknown
Two way tolling on ALL Harbour crossings earmarked to support the spend
Increased Sydney toll costs leading to greater toll avoidance across other areas
Unsustainable use of precious resources ie water and adds to overall climate emissions
\$14 Billion could be spent toward sustainable transport solutions
\$14 Billion could be spent to benefit our environment and our city

It's a sad state of affairs when local politicians just tow the party line & stop listening to their electorate but rather the powerful toll road lobby, Felicity Wilson, Trent Zimmerman & Jilly Gibson..

History will not look kindly upon this deeply flawed project if it goes ahead.

Yours sincerely John Oswick