

**Submission  
No 398**

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

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### **Submission to the Inquiry into the Impact of the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link**

Dear Public Works Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to submit to an inquiry regarding the Tunnel Project. I wish to **strongly object** to the Western Harbour Tunnel (including the Warringah Freeway Upgrade) and Beaches Link (including the Gore Hill extension) projects and ask that you recommend to the NSW Government that the plans be withdrawn immediately.

I have been a Cammeray resident for over 13 years, living with my 2 teenage children, one of whom is asthmatic. I regularly use public transport, as well as driving to Milsons Point 3-4 times weekly. I, along with many in our community, enjoy daily walks around our green spaces, including Cammeray Golf Club and Tunks Park. The proposed works will adversely affect these activities, during and after the proposed works.

The EIS shows that local traffic will be massively impacted during works and after completion. Traffic congestion is forecast at major intersections near my house, including Amherst/Miller Streets and Amherst/West Streets, as vehicles exit the tunnels and enter our local streets. No consideration was given to public transport options. I would be prepared to put up with disruption for a public transport option, but for toll roads that will induce more cars onto the roads is outrageous.

Regarding your Terms of Reference, I would like to point out the following that is of particular concern to me:

**(a) the adequacy of the business case for the project, including the cost benefits ratio,**

As far as I am aware, no business case has been released to the public.

**(b) the adequacy of the consideration of alternative options,**

Alternative options have not been comprehensively scoped or compared to a toll road tunnel option.

The option to address congestion via a dedicated mass transit solution ie) light rail, metro or rail has not been adequately considered.

**(j) the impact on the environment, including marine ecosystems,**

Environmental impacts include marine life, contamination risks, air quality, biodiversity offsets and an overall increase in emissions. I worry for my health and my asthmatic sons' health as unfiltered stacks will be so close to my home at Cammeray. This is supposedly designed under world best practice, and yet the TWO stacks next to local schools will not be filtered. Heavy tree losses will have an impact, in fact many trees have already been cleared at Cammeray Golf Club in the last few weeks.

**(l) the impact of the project on nearby public sites, including Yurulbin Point and Dawn Fraser Baths, and**

Cammeray Golf Course will suffer a loss of space (permanently) and endure heavy construction for many years, with interruption of water supply/ dam for local parks. This and other surrounding green spaces used by the local community, including sporting fields, will be unusable due to dust and noise.

I am happy to have my name published.

Yours Sincerely

Victoria Rands