

Submission
No 430

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

Name: Name suppressed

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Submission to Parliamentary Enquiry to object to the Beaches Link Motorway.

I object to the Beaches Link Tunnel proposal in its entirety as a resident across the road from, and facing, the proposed Construction Site at Balgowlah Golf Course. If the project goes ahead I will be looking straight at the new multi-lane Link Road and Ventilation Stacks instead of the current view of natural green open space of the golf course and its mature trees.

1. As a specific example of my objection under Terms of Reference f) the consultation methods and effectiveness, both with affected communities and stakeholders and k) the adequacy of processes for accessing and responding to noise, vibration and other impacts on residents, during construction and operationally:

It is extremely alarming to read page after page of an Environmental Impact Statement classifying your street as being in the HIGH negative impact range during the many construction years as well as upon completion of the project – with no reassurance in the EIS of specific mitigation measures. The responses to my resulting enquiries have been either that it is unknown until further along in the planning what the detailed mitigation measures will be for our street through to there being no mitigation measures for our street. The responses have not been at all adequate.

2. More broadly, under all the Terms of Reference (a to l) this project is completely unacceptable. How can a motorway be functional if traffic opens into the residential roads in Balgowlah including traffic lights that will slow the flow of traffic and in doing so defeat the purpose of the project? How could the local Council be expected to manage the increased traffic and need for parking? Why not leave out this arm of the motorway completely and take the Wakehurst Parkway entrance further north to reduce environmental impact?