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

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Attention Committee Members conducting the enquiry into the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link Project

What's with the tunnel vision of this government?

Tunnels, trenches & TranUrban is not the answer. We want train lines which make navigating all parts of this great city easy, affordable, sustainable and quicker than us all piling into cars with a small piece of our soul dying everytime the etoll goes beep.

Where is the real vision?

Electric trains in all new tunnels and motorways? Toll exemptions for electric trucks and vehicles? Utilising technology to filter the dangerous emissions from any tunnel ventilation stacks?

Could the enquire committee please consider;

1. Release the business case with a proper CBA. Keeping the public in the dark when it is effectively their tax money funding the project is not good.
2. Reconsider a train link or other alternative options - London, New York, Tokyo - name a great major city with worse and more inefficient train links than Sydney. No, I can't either. That's because when that mode of transport is available people utilise it, I've heard planners say that Sydneysiders like their cars. That's because they have no other options!
3. Expected Outcomes - please provide more information around what the benefits of more tunnels and tolls will give to this city. What will it really do to the air quality and the impact to local schools and children.
4. Pandemic adjustments - we are all looking at new ways of working and living due to the pandemic which has recalibrated our work and home lives. How has this impacted the plan for this project and others?
5. The impact of the build on local schools and students - as a concerned parent of children who attend a local school, I have severe concerns their learning will be significantly disrupted for many years due to the build. This is unacceptable and we need to see real change for how this issue is being minimised and risks to their Health adequately mitigated,

Thanks for taking these thoughts and comments into consideration.