

Submission
No 453

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

Name: Name suppressed

Date Received: 18 June 2021

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Seaforth

Dear Committee,

While we are supportive of the need to improve transport for the northern beaches, we have made an objection submission to the Beaches Link EIS regarding the decision-making process, and the associated lack of consultation & engagement related to the relocation of the construction support site from the western side of the Wakehurst Parkway, to Judith and Kirkwood St (known as BL 12) and its impact on our immediate neighbourhood and its specific impact on our individual situation (please see attached submission).

In regard to the Terms of Reference for this parliamentary inquiry, we do not believe that item k) *the adequacy of the processes for accessing or and responding to noise, vibration and other impacts on residents, during construction and operation* has been appropriately considered for this Project.

After 46 years of dedicated service to the community, my wife and I are in the process of retiring from our GP medical practice. We were looking forward to enjoying a quiet lifestyle in idyllic Seaforth which is well-located and close to our grandchildren, shops, entertainment, restaurants, beach, and The Boy Charlton Swim Centre, where I swim daily.

Our concerns about locating the 'Construction Support Site B12' to Judith St and Kirkwood St include the direct impacts on the residents for what is predicted to be in excess of 5 years. Impacts will include but are not limited to:

1/ **Noise generation**- Construction works and vehicle movements within the support site will disturb local residents during standard construction hours (7 am -6 pm) however use of the compound will inevitably occur 24 hrs a day during peak periods and traffic control works etc;

2/ **Visual amenity / Light Spill**- the visual impact, once the trees and existing vegetation are cleared and replaced with demountable offices, will have a very negative, undesirable impact on our long-awaited quiet retirement spending a lot of time at home, enjoying our pool. We assume the offices will be stacked 2 high and will have 24 hr security lighting and may impact on the privacy of our backyard / pool, BBQ area.

3/ **Additional Traffic and Parking**- the additional traffic volumes and construction personnel who will use the local roads and park in the local (currently quiet streets) will provide additional congestion and the additional movements will serve as a major hazard to local young families with small children.

We ask that this submission could bring about further consideration and alternatives to avoid such adverse impact (according to our interpretation of Chapter 4 of the EIS) on such 'sensitive communities', and re-locate construction support sites to more appropriate locations to minimise environmental and community impacts.

We are aware that consultation associated with the location of the Portal Site (Option A and B) occurred, however **no consultation is evident with the relocation of the temporary construction support site**. Furthermore, we are not aware of any community support for the location of BL 12

to be directly behind the back fence of residents of Kirkwood St, which is a key requirement outlined in Chapter 4 of the EIS.

We are also concerned about the potential impact of the proposed tunnel which runs close to our swimming pool.

While it is not our responsibility to offer an alternative site for the construction support site, making some minor modifications to Seaforth Oval and the associated parking area would surely allow the area to serve both the community as a playing field and as a construction support site.

Sincerely,

Seaforth 2092

Attachment 1 – EIS Submission

My Submissions	My Subscriptions	Draft Submissions
Below is a list of Submissions.		
Project Name	ID	Submission Date
Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection		28/02/2021

Dear Sir / Madam,

We are supportive of the Project, however we are making a submission to the Beaches Link EIS and object to the decision making process, and the associated consultation & engagement related to the relocation of the construction support site from the western side of the Wakehurst Parkway, i.e. Seaforth Oval to Judith and Kirkwood Street (known as BL12).

Our concerns about locating the construction support site BL12 to Judith and Kirkwood Street include the direct impacts on the residents for what is predicted to be 5 years. Impacts will include but are not limited to:

1. Noise generation – construction works and vehicle movements within the support site will disturb local residents during standard construction hours (7am – 6pm), however use of the compound will inevitably occur 24 hours a day during peak periods;
2. Visual amenity / Light Spill – the visual impact once the trees and existing vegetation are cleared and replaced with demountable offices will be significant. We assume the offices will be stacked 2 high and will have 24hr security lighting which will disrupt adjacent residents.
3. Additional Traffic and Parking – the additional traffic volumes and construction personnel who will predictably use the local roads and park in the local streets will provide additional congestion and will serve as a major hazard to local families.

Our understanding from a review of the EIS and background documentation is that Chapter 4 Project development and alternatives, Section 4.5.7 states that TfNSW are to avoid sensitive communities where possible. Furthermore, it states "*that community and stakeholder feedback were used to inform the identification and configurations of appropriate temporary construction support sites. The primary driver for the location of these sites was the objective of minimising environmental and community impacts, while being suitably located to facilitate the construction activities.....* "

Could you please provide details of any community consultation that approved or endorsed the location of construction support site to Judith and Kirkwood Street? My reading of Chapter 4 of the EIS and other background information indicates that the consultation process was associated with the portal location which included an option A and B. After '*further community consultation and design development determined the selection of portal location option B was determined to be the preferred tunnel portal location*'. TfNSW then moved the temporary construction support site location to the Sydney Water property on Kirkwood Street on the eastern side of the Wakehurst Parkway. The consultation was associated with the location of the Portal Site as opposed to the location of the temporary

construction support site. My neighbours and I are not aware that there has been any community support for the location of the BL12 to be directly behind the residents of Kirkwood and Judith Street. Please provide any evidence of this consultation and approval by the community and also please demonstrate how this location '*minimises potential impacts on the nearby community precinct*' and once again, how you have abided by one of the '*key factors applied to identification of potential construction support sites*' including '*Avoiding sensitive environments and community locations where possible*'.

Our belief is that there has been no consultation and TfNSW have simply chosen a convenient location without any regard for the local residents of Kirkwood and Judith Street. The decision to relocate the Portal Site should have no bearing on the construction support site. Furthermore, there would be numerous other locations available with some additional thought by TfNSW.

The cost of changing the construction support site prior to engagement of contractors will be negligible in consideration of the total Project costs, so we urge you to address the matter now.

Thank you for your due consideration and I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Seaforth