

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

**Name:** Ms Mary-Jane Morgan

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Dear Committee members on the northern Beaches Tunnel Link,

I OBJECT to this project on several grounds.

Firstly, there are many flaws in the EIS. Other submissions will constantly refer to these problems, for example, several well informed community groups such as WEPA and STOP THE TUNNELS. I ask you to carefully consult their submissions. Extraordinary and brilliant minds have looked thoughtfully and carefully at the many concerns arising from the EIS. Take heed of their knowledge, their research. Their concerns are for the future of the area, the affects on their children and future generations. Bear in mind their submissions arise out of concerns submitted in their own time at considerable personal cost. These members of the community are not paid to tell you what you want to hear. They see many many problems. Please read their thoughts very carefully.

Secondly, I do not believe you have explored the public transport options adequately. I did not see in the EIS any careful analysis of the new system of northern beaches B-Line, yellow bus NON- STOP services.

Thirdly, I understand that over 50% of people who live in the northern beaches work in the same area.

4. I am very concerned about the immediate and long term impact at Flat Rock Gully. Did you know up until 1990 this was a rubbish dump. Seepage and gases disturbed will either need expensive and monumental treatments before you can tunnel that area. What will happen is the polluting the Middle Harbour through creeks to Tunks Park. My granddaughter, an asthmatic 3 years old, and great nephews, 6 and 3 years old use this area several times a week. I have concerns for the impact on their young health.

5. If you stupidly pursue this tunnel, please ensure proper air filters are funded, please make sure to demand regular monitoring and replacement of air filters funding are included in the budgets. I remind you that over 800 people DIE in Sydney EVERY year from traffic pollution. More than a COVID pandemic killed across the whole of Australia in 2020 (Dr Jonathan Page).

6. As tax payers, we are seriously fed up with the constant budget overruns. Who is conning this government over and over again. Do I need to remind you the M2 and the Lane Cove Tunnel owners went broke. This government has a shocking record of under costing infrastructure projects.

7. The EIS appears to make many inaccurate statements on the impact on local traffic. Please remember North Sydney is the LARGEST EDUCATION DISTRICT in the country; 30 schools and 30 pre-schools! I use West Street to access Cammeray several times a week. This tunnel affects me personally but what about the loss of Berry Street access to the Harbour Bridge. If this goes ahead all will have to access the Harbour Bridge via Falcon Street and Military Rd. A disaster for the movement of the parents and carers visiting North Sydney every day to drop their little darlings to one of these 30 schools and preschools.

Finally, this proposed tunnel is to service THROUGH traffic. And I do not believe it serves the objectives of the Greater City Commission. Let me remind you, every voter's FIRST and PRIMARY CONCERN is Climate Change (along side open and transparent government): more vehicles on the road is NOT a solution to reducing carbon emissions.

Yours sincerely, on behalf of the Morgan Family; Paul, Mary-Jane, Alice and Heidi Morgan