

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

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WestConnex and WHT tunnel have been conceived and furthered without a proper and true consideration of the short- and long-term costs and benefits to

- air quality
- water quality
- amenity for residents
- transport options for all groups, not just those with cars.

Specifically nothing about the current plans ameliorates “Induced Traffic”. I recall driving through the Harbour Tunnel when it was first opened. There were almost no cars. Since then we have seen more and more roads built while the investment for other transport options has been minimal.

Sydney is losing more and more valuable land to roads and parking. In short it is being strangled.

The construction of the West Connex and WHT is very risky to the suburbs of Rozelle and Birchgrove, and of the harbour bed. The noise, vibrations, and risk to the water table and root systems of large trees have not been taken into consideration.

The stacks will not have adequate filtration will be pouring polluted air on to parks — where children play — and into the air that cyclists and pedestrians breathe.

Lastly far too much of the documentation is hidden from public scrutiny

I urge the committee to publish all the documentation for the public to scrutinise and then allow further submissions.