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INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL AND BEACHES LINK

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Thank you for this opportunity to express my views.

I object to the proposed Beaches Link Tunnel on the following grounds: -

* ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT - from what I can see the construction phase will be highly (and permanently) damaging to many natural sites. Large volumes of contaminated water distributed down Flat Rock Gully Creek will be extremely detrimental to community dynamics and consequently the Flat Rock/Tunks Park biological ecosystem. The contaminated water will cause a change of pH and conditions, causing long term issues throughout Middle Harbour.

* SOCIAL/CULTURAL IMPACT - there will be many communities and particularly schools detrimentally affected with health issues - breathing poor quality air. The intake for the air filter is in the middle of the M1 and Warringah Freeway.

The annexation of a part of Cammeray Golf Course, the size and type of this construction and the damage it will do to valuable environment is a social, cultural and environmental detriment.

* ECONOMIC IMPACT - with figures of \$13 Billion being a baseline, I can't see the outcome being worthwhile - and... it only goes as far north as Seaforth.

* ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS - have these been fully explored? The A38 is six (6) lanes all the way from Pacific Highway, Roseville/Chatswood to Dee Why; This could be upgraded with non-disrupting entry and exit points and branch off west of the Roseville Bridge (Tunnelled) and entering the M1 in the vicinity of Artarmon Reserve and Hallstrom Park. This should deliver a cost effective, would satisfy commuters from Manly and Seaforth north, would have a lot less disruption to the natural environment, especially waterways. Has this or other options been thoroughly researched and costed?

Now is always the time to reconsider.

Thank You.