

Submission
No 528

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

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This submission is to object strongly to the Western Harbour and Beaches Link tunnels as motorways, and request that the tunnels be revised for public transport.

– It is irresponsible that no alternative options to motorways /car tunnels have been considered to date.

– The project plans must be revised to properly address the major issues of environmental damage, public health, traffic congestion (particularly at Berry Street North Sydney), and to replace the proposed car motorways with public transport corridors.

– The advantages of providing public transport corridors far outweigh those of a motorway.

– The planned tunnels for cars are far too environmentally damaging and would encourage even more private vehicle usage.

– The tunnels should instead be for public transport / Metro which would require smaller tunnels, reduce private vehicle usage and traffic congestion in the long term, create far less pollution, be sustainable, and help meet responsible climate goals.

– The proposed motorways' unfiltered pollution stacks, some of which are very close to schools, would be very damaging to the health of our children and our community.

With public transport there would be far less pollution, particularly with the recently announced electrified bus fleet using the tunnels.

– The location of the dive site in Flat Rock Gully is irresponsible and if proceeded with would destroy hundreds of trees, a vast area of beautiful bushland, recreational open space, and habitat for numerous species.

Flat Rock Gully is designated by the local Council as a Wildlife Protection Area. It is thus very important that the dive site should instead be located in the adjoining baseball field that can be easily rehabilitated.

– the proposal as a motorway for private vehicles is environmental vandalism and unsustainable. The additional car use and emissions it would inevitably create would be very detrimental to future generations

Yours sincerely
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