

**Submission  
No 530**

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

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Good evening,

I would like to object to the beaches link tunnel & gore hill freeway extension for the following reasons:

We do not need more roads or tunnels built on the Northern Beaches, but we need better logistics and public transport as this will reduce traffic, traffic jams and reduce traffic pollution. Why not stimulate more people to work from home or an incentive for car pooling, taking public transport or working closer to home? Make public transport more affordable / free?

Why not make the CBD traffic free; only trains, busses and trams allowed in?

People, plants and animals need the preservation of designated green areas. Why damage such a great eco system as Manly Dam? Where does the wildlife go?

Please keep the waterways pollution free.

Inadequate community consultation. Please advise why one thinks this is a good idea? None of the residents agrees with this.

As more people are now working from home due to covid19, this whole project needs to be revisited. Is this really feasible? I think the state can use the money spend on this project in much better ways such as stimulate the economy.

Manly Dam and surrounding bush land areas with their animals, plants and streams etc and even the golf course full of wildlife and green areas need to be preserved

There is already limited open and green space around the preferred route and loss of such open space should be avoided at all cost.

Please preserve and respect Aboriginal heritage sites (eg, along Wakehurst Parkway and the Clive Park shoreline in Northbridge), Garigal National Park, Manly Dam and Manly-Warringah War Memorial Park. Much damage has been already been done over the years.

I moved to the Northern Beaches for it's serenity, like many others. Soon we will be forced to move elsewhere.

We do not want our area to become full of apartment buildings and overpopulation and busier roads so we do not want a tunnel making the area more accessible. People live here for a reason. I can move to Chatswood (it should be called Chats, as there is no longer any 'wood') for cheaper rent however I chose to live here.

We do not need our local roads changed with increased traffic to make way for a tunnel no one wants and we don't need the disruption and destruction of our area for the years and years it will take to build.

I have been a proud resident of the Northern Beaches since 2000. I am originally from the Netherlands but have immigrated to Australia and it's Northern Beaches 21 years ago. It is an amazing place to live and work. It only takes me 15 minutes to walk to work. Most-likely I would be able to get a much higher paid job in the city. However, I have always chosen to find employment close to where I live.

I am appalled by this Twin tolled motorway tunnels connecting the Warringah Freeway at Cammeray and the Gore Hill Freeway at Artarmon to the Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation at Balgowlah and the Wakehurst Parkway at Seaforth. I don't think this is in line with Australia's climate policy and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Dutch citizen have taken their own government to Court and won, in order to cut greenhouse gas emission in relation to global warming. See here: <https://www.ndtv.com/world-news/dutch-court-orders-state-to-slash-greenhouse-emissions-774859>

We are all advocating for reducing waste, reducing landfill, reducing pollution, leaving our natural forests alone and increasing our green areas to help protect the earth from climate change.

Are you not concerned at all about our planet? Please watch the David Attenborough Mission Statement: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=64R2MYUt394>

Australia has one of the highest per capita emissions of greenhouse gas in the world. As a result, Australia is becoming hotter, and more prone to extreme heat, bushfires, droughts, floods and longer fire seasons because of climate change.

On the City of Sydney website it states: "Sustainable Sydney 2030 will transform the way we live, work and play. It's a vision we have set for our city to help make it as green, global and connected as possible by 2030." So why destroy such green areas and communities?

Transport emissions have the highest rate of growth of any sector since 1990. With no action, transport emissions are projected to continue growing to 2030. Providing viable alternatives to driving, such as expanding access to reliable, comfortable public transport, cycling and walking alternatives.

I sincerely hope that project can be stopped before it does any more damage.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me.

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