

**Submission
No 540**

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

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I object to the Beaches Link Tunnel. I am a resident of Seaforth. I live close to the proposed Balgowlah portal of the tunnel. I am opposed to this project on the following grounds

A. It will cause massive environmental damage to the areas close to portals at Balgowlah & North Seaforth. Apart from the extensive impact during construction, the placing of unfiltered exhaust stacks close to several schools is putting at risk the health of many hundreds of our young people, not to mention the thousands of nearby residents.

B. Dredging & tunnelling close to The Spit will impact negatively on marine life and public facilities in and near that area.

C There is no business case that will support this project this project. The estimated cost is massive, the most expensive per kilometre in NSW. The cost/benefit analysis doesn't support it.

D .Any perceived benefit in traffic flow will be transient at best. Independent traffic consultants from University of Technology, Sydney state that within 2 years traffic congestion on Military Rd Mosman will revert to previous levels

C, The money required for this project could achieve so much more if funnelled into public transport solutions.

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