

[REDACTED]

---

**Subject:**

FW: WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL AND WARRINGAH FREEWAY UPGRADE

**From:** Helen Pearson [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Sunday, 23 February 2020 11:46 PM

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL AND WARRINGAH FREEWAY UPGRADE

TO ROB STOKES - PLANNING MINISTER

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you to request your government allow more time to enable our community to review the information in the 10,000+ pages of the EIS for the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade. Our community gets no benefit from this project and will be left to bear the increased number of vehicles moving through our area and the upheaval and destruction caused by the many years of construction. Many of those using the tunnel will park in our area and then proceed further on public transport when the area is already suffering from reduced parking spaces. During conversations with residents of the Northern Beaches they mainly appear to be happy with the way that the B-line buses are working and also feel that they do not need the tunnel.

In this age when the use of cars is being discouraged I would have thought that a rail line would have been the better option - has it been considered and costed?

Health experts are warning of the dangers to people's health caused by toxins being released from unfiltered ventilation stacks in these tunnels. Many schools, playing fields, hospitals and high rise buildings are close to the two stacks in the industrial area and will be affected by the pollution and minor particulates exiting from these stacks.

I was at a meeting the other night when the Mayor of Willoughby proudly said that it was better because the smoke stacks were being placed in the industrial area.

These stacks will be close to Artarmon Public School, thousands of workers in the industrial area, several hospitals including Royal North Shore Hospital, the playing fields directly across the railway track from the stack in Artarmon and the thousands of residents of Artarmon, Herbert Street, St. Leonards, the High Rise buildings of St. Leonards and several day care centres and kindergartens.

With all of the devastation and destruction caused by bushfires, floods and drought one would think that financial assistance to these country areas would be more needed than the construction of another road.

I realise that Artarmon is not part of this EIS, but wouldn't it have been kinder to view this project as a whole.

I am sure that if you have children you would not want them to attend a school which is near an unventilated smoke stack - neither would you like to live near one.

The Willoughby Council area community would be very appreciative if you put the whole project on hold so that the community can evaluate the health risks that will come with the development.

A detailed costing of the entire project would also be appreciated by the wider community.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Pearson

[REDACTED]

24th March, 2010