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Dear Director

With respect to the Western Harbour Tunnel & Warringah Freeway Upgrade I wish to notify you , as a resident of NSW, that I **OBJECT TO THIS PROPOSAL**

Given the degree of accountability the public demands in the administration of public monies a legitimate expectation is that the government will achieve with such procurement, value for money. Progressing such a major initiative without consideration of all the options is inconceivable. Nor is it credible that the proposal is consistent with Transport for NSW's Principles and Guidelines for Economic Appraisal of Transport Investment and Initiatives. The money that this motorway will cost is of historically significant proportions, hence all further work on these projects should be suspended until a robust assessment of all possible options, including **public transport-based options**, has been undertaken and has been the subject of community consultations.

The proposed tunnels are inconsistent with the productivity, liveability and sustainability objectives for Sydney which were determined by the Greater Sydney Commission. Further, they represent 20th century technological solutions in an era in which we need, to quote *Minister Constance when she launched the NSW Government's Future Transport program in February 2016, "to look at smarter systems and technology-driven solutions to cope with demand"* and *his most recent statement July 8 2017 "We should be asking ourselves the questions: do we really need to be building four and five-lane motorways today"*. The NSW Government needs to show faith in its own strategic directions rather than pursue poorly-considered options that, despite the enormous cost and disruption, are unlikely to solve the identified problem. Ms Berjiklian needs to understand this is vote gathering at its worst- the votes of disgruntled lower North Shore residents can counteract the votes she hopes to gain from Peninsula residents in this cynical exercise !

New motorways, which will need 40 or 50 years of tolls to pay for them, are not sustainable. Transport technology is moving so fast we are unlikely to be needing so much road infrastructure in the near future. To lock future generations into paying for outdated and unnecessary road infrastructure would be irresponsible. **Technology-led change and a resulting reduction in car dominance is very much the theme of the NSW Government's Future Transport Technology Roadmap 2016.**

The current EIS document has been presented with no business case for the use of vast amounts of public money to justify a political promise! hence MY OBJECTION .

We also need more time to digest the 9000 pages document to allow proper analysis and discussion of its contents so I also object to the short period of time given for discussion.

Yours sincerely

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