


Cammeray 2062

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Attn Director Transport Assessments

Planning & Assessments

Department D.P.I.E.

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c.c. Gladys Berejiklian; Robert Stokes; Andrew Constance; Chris Minn

Dear Sir,

**RE: Northern Beaches Tunnels, Motorways and Emission Stacks
Application No.SSI_8863**

I am writing to object to the installation of UNFILTERED emission stacks in Cammeray Golf Course and St Leonards Park, North Sydney.

I cannot believe that you will go forward with these plans given that a parliamentary committee recommended filtration in all new tenders in 2006.

Despite the claims of the RMS in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), this is not world's best practice. Almost all other advanced cities in the world are restricting or reducing the growth of road traffic in favour of public transport. Yet the NSW Government forbade RMS from considering public transport alternatives such as Light Rail.

I urge the RMS to prove this is the best solution.

The EIS grossly overstates the time-saving the new tunnels will give while the fact is that Military Road, Miller Street and other local main roads will probably be MORE, not less, congested in rush hours.

Contrary to the outdated advice from the State Chief Medical Officer, our children and the elderly will be put at an unacceptable risk of pollution from exhaust fumes and microscopic particulates emitted by cars and trucks via these smokestacks.

The North Sydney LGA has the highest concentration of schools and child-care centres anywhere in Australia and this pollution will only be exacerbated by the Federal Government's refusal to adopt the highest international standards of vehicle emissions and fuel cleanliness (eg.Euro 6 and 7) which means that vehicles in Australia are dirtier than most others.

I object to the taking of public open space in St Leonards Park and Cammeray Golf Course and demand, as a condition for approval of the scheme, that at least an equal area of green space be created locally for all open public space taken by the project.

I object to the loss of the underground reservoir beneath Cammeray Golf Course which is a major irrigation source for open spaces in the area and demand that a solution be found that retains this invaluable environmental resource.

Regarding work on the Warringah Freeway, how are we supposed to live with incredibly loud noise levels throughout the day and with the years of traffic chaos, vibration, dust and hundreds of trucks thundering past Lower North Shore homes? This will cause serious health impacts on local residents and the serious risk of damage to buildings. The EIS itself admits that excessive noise will impact more than 5000 residences.

The "upgrade" (i.e. demolition and rebuilding) of the High Street, Falcon Street, Ernest Street and Miller Street bridges over the freeway will cause chaos. Re-routing of traffic lanes on the Warringah Freeway means it will be difficult for many drivers on the Lower North Shore to reach their preferred Harbour crossing leading to the use of rat-runs through residential areas. I demand a better solution be found.

If this grandiose project is to go ahead, I demand the imposition of strict rules (a 6pm curfew on noisy activities on weekdays, 1pm on Saturdays and no noisy work on Sundays) and consultation on any out of hours work.

The EIS refers to out-of-hours work that implies actual construction work could extend to 24 hours per day, 365 days a year, thus excessive noise level could be experienced all day every day for up to six years.

I also demand the project be redesigned with exhaust + fresh-air stacks no more than 4-5Km apart as in the Stockholm E4 bypass tunnel.

Almost all previous objections, as evidence by more than 11,000 signatures to the previous petition, 90% of them local, have been completely ignored!

I call for a delay in approval of the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade until there is time for proper consideration of the whole project, including the Beaches Link.

I hope you hear my objections this time!

Regards,

A black rectangular redaction box covers the signature area. A handwritten mark, possibly a flourish or the letter 'D', is visible above the box.

(Ms)Sheridan Rogers