

Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade - SSI-8863

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**Objection: Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade - SSI-8863**

I write to express my strong objection to the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade.

Global experience of toll road construction has demonstrated conclusively that projects like this increase air pollution, encourage more car use, fleece road users with exorbitant tolls and eventually fill the increased road capacity they create.

I object to this Project as it:

- Is based on false assumptions about public transport demand;
- Will not achieve its stated goal of addressing long-term traffic congestion in Sydney;
- Is also not properly tested against competing public transport projects;
- Fails to adequately address impacts on the community, especially noise, air quality and health impacts for local residents;
- Puts homes and businesses at risk of damage from vibrations, settlement and ground movement;
- Requires the compulsory acquisition and demolition of a number of homes;
- Will not require the filtration of exhaust stacks, at a risk to public health;
- Will pollute our harbour with toxic sediment putting Sydney Harbour's marine life at risk;
- Will have an adverse impact on greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to climate change;  
and
- Is not justified by any publicly released business case.

The whole Peninsula will be drastically affected. From a desirable place to live, close to the city, with very good good public transport, it will become an unhealthy, polluted area.

With the unfiltered smoke stacks and the extra traffic, Balmain will be an undesirable place to live or conduct a business. This project definitely will effectively kill the community as we know it.

This project is a missed opportunity to transform our city's transport system to make getting around Sydney cheap, easy and fast without having to get into a car and pay a toll.

Yours sincerely,

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