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Submission re. Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade
Application No: SSI_8863

Support or Object: I object to the proposal

Declaration of any reportable political donation made in the previous two years:
None

Privacy: Please do not publish my name on the website

Reasons for Objecting

I wish to object to the proposed Western Harbour Tunnel on the basis of the route it is taking.

The depth from the road to the top of the tunnel under Louisa Road, Birchgrove is approximately 35 metres.

This is not deep enough to protect the houses in the street, many of which are heritage houses and a number heritage listed including those listed below. There are also additional heritage listed properties in Louisa Road, including 76 Louisa Road.

144 LOUISA ROAD

I am particularly concerned about Raywell located at 144 Louisa Road, Birchgrove and constructed in 1885. This is listed by the NSW Heritage Council (<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/visit/ViewAttractionDetail.aspx?ID=5045294>) It is about one minute's walk from the proposed Yurulbin Park construction site and would be very vulnerable to damage due to this construction.

115 LOUISA ROAD

This is also heritage listed, close to the proposed Yurulbin Park construction site and very vulnerable to damage.

85 LOUISA ROAD

85 Louisa Road (Gierstein) is made of sandstone and as such it does not have movement and can be easily damaged. As it was built approximately 10 metres underneath the road level this takes the distance between the house and the top of the tunnel to around 25 metres.

A new building is being built at 93 Louisa Road and cracks in three new houses at 91 Louisa Road are clearly visible to the eye.

I am concerned that the fact many houses are built 10 metres below road level was not taken into account according to information made available to the public and that the proposal is intrinsically flawed and compromises safety because of this oversight.

I was advised by an attendee at the NSW Govt briefing at Balmain Town Hall in March that all houses from 70 Louisa Road, Birchgrove to the end of Louisa Road at the ferry wharf end would qualify for a free Dilapidation Report. So all the houses listed above qualify. However, this area needs to be extended. Part of Louisa Road collapsed a number of years ago and I was advised this was due to the weight of a large truck. The whole of Louisa is vulnerable and this project should not proceed.