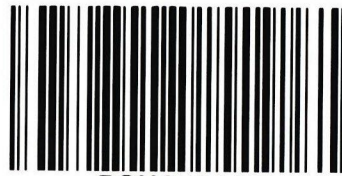


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Objection: Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade - SSI-8863

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

(It was impossible to log in/create account on line so I have to resort to letter. Please accept as the post is likely to be a bit slow.)

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.

Personally I am particularly concerned on two fronts.

1. Two massive tunnels are to be excavated under my house. The EIS suggests they will be 70 metres deep but given the height of the tunnels this is likely to be much less. In any case this is too shallow to remove the risk of vibration both during building and of traffic. Settlement and ground movement continues long after the initial excavation as has been shown in mining areas. West Connex has a poor record of compensation so I am very worried by the likelihood of subsidence and subsequent damage to my property given that there seems to be no plan to monitor ground disturbance.
2. The method chosen to cross the Harbour is beyond belief. That WestConnex would propose disturbing the toxic sediment as preferred option cannot be approved. The secrecy over the report on the concentration of chemicals in the sludge as raised by Dr Bill Ryall in the Sydney Morning Herald suggests there is plenty to hide.
The sludge at the bottom of the Harbour, the result of 150 years of irresponsible industrial activity, is reported to be the most contaminated in the world. To suggest that it's OK to dig up 140,000 cubic metres of it, dry it out at

White Bay and truck it to landfill is lunacy. To dig up another 760,000 cubic metres and dump it at sea is criminal.

The disturbance will poison marine creatures like fish, crustacean, oysters and many others in a Harbour which boasts one of the most diverse marine systems anywhere.

It will also contaminate swimming pools like the Dawn Fraser Pool where I am a keen swimmer.

Fishing west of the Sydney Harbour Bridge has been banned for human consumption and the Harbour fishing fleets disbanded for a good reason.

Dioxins will remain in the food chain until the contamination is cover by clean silt, a process which will take decades at least. What other toxins are present?

3. I also object to the destruction of Yurulbin Park, one of the early native plant parks in the area. In an area short of green space the loss of this park for 4 years is unacceptable and its heritage landscape lost for ever.

The loss of the ferry wharf for two and a half years and the subsequent disruption to public transport highlights the reasons that this project should be rejected.

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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Declaration of any reportable political donations made in the previous 2 years	None
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