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Attn: Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

Objection to the Western Harbour Tunnel & Warringah Freeway EIS

I **strongly** object to the proposed design of the the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Extension on a number of grounds –

1. Pollution

As a current resident of Cammeray, and of the lower North Shore most of my life, I am strongly opposed to the poor design of the tunnel ventilation. Two extremely long tunnels concentrate their only ventilation stacks in Cammeray, within only a few hundred metres of several public schools. In addition this is also the exit of the tunnels so the movement of the cars also pushes pollution out at this same location. The stacks are proposed to be unfiltered. Other similar tunnels in Europe have numerous, filtered ventilation stacks along their length. The stacks need to have ventilation and need to have ongoing monitoring of the pollution levels. The output also needs to spread along the length of the tunnels, not just in one location.

2. Increased Congestion and significant reduction in accessibility in the area

This design will not result in an improvement in traffic congestion, just move it to different areas. Numerous local links are being removed that will greatly increase the traffic in the remaining local streets. The traffic is already at a stand-still in much of the North Sydney, Cammeray, Crows Nest, Neutral Bay and Mosman, not just at peak hour. The loss of these connections will result in all these cars funneling on to fewer remaining streets. A reworked proposal needs to ensure that the connections remain.

3. Loss of Public Green Space

A loss of 26,000m² of public open space is proposed. This is criminal when green open space is already insufficient. The two large permanent industrial sheds proposed on Ernest Street are a completely unacceptable solution and should be located underground and a green bridge over between Cammeray Golf Course and St. Leonards Park should be built to improve public open green space and pedestrian connection.

4. Impact of Public Amenity and the Built Environment in the North Sydney and Cammeray centres

North Sydney, which is already blighted by traffic, and currently trying to improve it's CBD, including the new train station, will become a bus parking lot and freeway entry. The design needs to be modified to ensure additional traffic is kept out of the North Sydney CBD and local Cammeray streets.

5. Lack of assessment of alternative solutions

No assessment of alternatives such as rail, as required by the assessment process, has been conducted. This is essential in determining the best solution regarding cost, financial viability and community outcomes.

As an architect with a local business in Crows Nest and a resident of Cammeray I am appalled at the poor quality of the EIS and the lack of any attempt to mitigate the significant impacts on the amenity of the local community centres and **public** open space. Please do not approve this design without significant modification and further community consultation.

Regards,



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