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

I object to the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway upgrade.

I began reading the confusing and overwhelming 10,000-page EIS document while Australia was burning and in drought. I have then attempted to plough through the rest while locked in a house trying to keep my job and school my small children – it's been highly stressful. It's disrespectful to ask us to come out to meetings to understand what this is about while the very person in charge of this is insisting, we stay home.

The EIS has been made as difficult as possible to follow and it's astounding that the other part of this project is being held back, yet large portions are being included in this EIS. An underhanded tactic from the government.

In summary, this is why I strongly object to the project:

- I OBJECT because of the significant risk to the health and safety – especially to the long-term health of our children through a loss of precious local green space, trees, water resources and ADDED pollution
- I OBJECT because of the environmental impacts – the harbour, the loss of green space, the removal of precious water resources, the NOISE. This is not what we should be doing while we live in a time of such fragility
- I OBJECT because there have been no public transport options proposed and the modelling for this project is OLD (it is out of date legally and should be re-done)
- I OBJECT because there is going to be an increase in rat running on our local streets as cars navigate through trying to get to a freeway entrance/exit
- I OBJECT to the unfiltered smokestacks which have been moved away from private schools and towards public schools – PRIMARY ones to that. My children, age 4 and 6, deserve to grow up with clean air. The modelling on these stacks is questionable –
 - o 2 km Lane Cove tunnel – when you add the Beaches Link this will stretch to over 15kms with more lanes
 - o Short term impact studies
 - o There are NO long tunnels being built around the world without filtration. The one that keeps being quoted in Sweden has a stack every 1.5 – 2kms. My children will receive the full brunt of 2 long tunnels.
- I OBJECT to the noise my children are going to have to suffer 24/7 while trying to learn and study. Their futures are at risk. And once the noise subsides – in 10 years when you tack on the proposed Beaches Link Tunnel – they will be left reliant on emission creating cars, with no public transport, less green space and a lot of air pollution
- I OBJECT to this project because it takes you nowhere
- I OBJECT because the justifications for this project are at best a stretch – especially as there is no published and clear business case. It features low on Infrastructure Australia's priority list and the EIS lacks some significant detail. The outcomes seem, at best, poor
- I OBJECT to having \$16-\$20 billion of my tax payed dollars put into this project while there are tens (hundreds?) of thousands without jobs, communities trying to re-build after unprecedented bushfires and no long term plan to future proof our water supply – other than crossing our fingers
- I OBJECT to the hold that Transurban has on our road network – they have already expressed interest in this road. Are we doing this to pay back for the disaster of Westconnex?
- I OBJECT to jobs being advertised before the EIS has been closed. Could this be explained to me in writing?

I live 300 metres from this project in a kind-hearted, close knit community. We came to Cammeray for the access to green space, good schools and its community spirit – so our kids could grow up in a safe environment. There is nothing for Cammeray to gain out of this project – nothing at all. It, and the surrounding suburbs are going to be torn apart long term for absolutely no gain.

My street – Amherst – already suffers from a lot of traffic and this is going to clog it up. People will – as proven before – use back streets to avoid tolls. We don't need more tolls and cars – we need a decent public transport network. Time and time again it has proven that roads called induced demand. Studies this year have already shown that building public transport also creates demand – people want it.

I already worry about the future our children have in Australia. Of our poor approach to lowering our environmental footprint. Projects like this should not go ahead – they are not helping.

I ask that this project is HALTED immediately so an alternative public transport feasibility study be published before any further planning occurs so that impacts and outcomes can be fairly compared. This project is a missed opportunity to transform Sydney into a world class, healthy and sustainable city with a strong public transport system.

I ask for a full response to my objections. I agree to having my submission published without my address, email and phone number.

Yours sincerely,
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