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To Whom It May Concern,

SUBMISSION BEACHES LINK AND GORE HILL FREEWAY CONNECTION EIS

I write to you on behalf of my community for the State Electorate of Manly. From the outset of my submission I would like to convey my support for the Beaches Link Project and appreciation for the work conducted already in consultation and communication with the community.

The Beaches Link Tunnel is one of the largest infrastructure projects undertaken by the NSW Government and will provide a key role in the future of Sydney's transport demands.

Historical context:

The 1983 Commission of Inquiry into the Warringah Transport Corridor found that a new surface road to the Northern Beaches would result in unacceptable levels of community and environmental impact. The inquiry noted that improved future tunnelling technology would alleviate impacts. In 2012, the NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan proposed a bus tunnel bypassing Military Road. In 2015 Roads and Maritime carried out high level conceptual design for the Western Harbour and Beaches Link Program.

The proposed reference design for Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link was released on 26 July 2018, and extensive community engagement was undertaken through to 1 December 2018.

Strategic Alternatives:

Of note, the strategic alternatives to the Beaches Link Tunnel have been considered and determined that with respect to rail "the physical and urban geography of the Northern Beaches region presents barriers to the consideration of rail-based solutions in addressing the transport challenges faced by the region" and that "...the provision of rail infrastructure is also reliant on the location of and accessibility to high density residential or commercial property close to the proposed location of stations as well as along its route."

Concerns:

I would like to raise a number of concerns on behalf of community members and stakeholders who have contacted me regarding the project. Many of these concerns have also been raised at community meetings and public forums and need to be addressed.

Issues that have been outlined by my community include the following:

- Concerns regarding air quality and particulates released into the environment both during construction and after completion
- Impacts that construction and new roads will have on the local environment including the Burnt Bridge Creek and Manly Dam ecosystems
- Impact of construction on local residents including increased noise, traffic and vibrations, with particular note to the proximity of local schools to planned temporary construction support sites
- Impact of construction on local amenity and public green space
- Increased traffic to residential roads following completion of the project.

I look forward to your response regarding the above issues that have been brought to my attention by local residents and anticipate our further cooperation and work towards satisfactory outcomes at the completion of the project.

For any questions or further information please do not hesitate to contact my office at manly@parliament.nsw.gov.au or on 02 9976 2773.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Griffin', followed by a small flourish.

James Griffin MP
Member for Manly

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