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Mr Jim Betts  
Secretary  
NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment  
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Attention: Belinda Scott

Dear Belinda,

## **SUBMISSION TO BEACHES LINK AND GORE HILL FREEWAY CONNECTION (SSI 8862)**

This letter has been prepared on behalf of Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on exhibition for the Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection (SSI 8862).

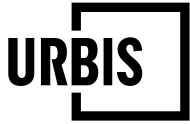
CSBB is responsible for the Diocesan Schools System of 44 schools (36 primary schools, seven high schools and one K-12 school) in Sydney's North Shore, Northern Beaches and the Central Coast. CSBB is a significant stakeholder for projects such as SSI 8862.

CSBB has just engaged Urbis to review the exhibition documentation for SSI 8862, which proposes twin tolled motorway tunnels connecting the Warringah Freeway at Cammeray and the Gore Hill Freeway at Artarmon to the Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation at Balgowah and the Wakehurst Parkway at Seaforth. CSBB welcomes the opportunity to provide comment on SSI 8862 and reserves the right to lodge a more detailed submission following Urbis' review of the EIS.

In the meantime, this letter should be read in conjunction with the submission to SSI 8862 made by St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School (submitted separately). St Cecilia's is a CSBB school impacted by the project.

SSI 8862 will have direct and indirect impacts on St Cecilia's and its community. The key impacts that warrant further consideration by NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) and Transport for NSW (TfNSW) are:

- Construction and operation impact on air quality and increases dust.
- Construction and operation impact in terms of noise and vibration.
- Potential impact on the safe use of Balgowlah oval should emissions not be properly mitigated and managed.
- Construction traffic and road safety impacts from truck movements.
- Impacts on pedestrian safety during construction and operation.



We encourage DPIE and TfNSW to assess these issues robustly and thoroughly with due consideration of their impacts on school operations and the health and safety of students, staff and visitors. CSBB requests that it and St Cecilia's are consulted with during the assessment of the EIS and drafting of conditions of consent to ensure the key concerns are appropriately and satisfactorily addressed, should the project be approved.

As stated, CSBB reserves the right to lodge a more detailed submission following Urbis' review of the EIS, after the exhibition closing date.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this letter.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elaine Roff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Elaine" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Roff".

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