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**Objection: Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Upgrade – SSI\_8862**

I object very strongly to the Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Project. Based on my close knowledge of the area that will be disturbed and on the EIS documents, I believe that this project cannot be justified, particularly given that there is no published business case. The EIS shows that the project involves a serious risk to health, safety and the biophysical environment. It is a sad comment on the designers that no attempt has been made to consider any alternative public transport option. In more detail, I base my objection on the following reasons:

1. I object to the project due to the contamination risks it presents to the environment and to human health. It will destroy large areas of carefully nurtured bushland that is habitat for diverse wildlife. It is an area which I and very many local people use regularly, enjoying the restorative aspects of nature in the middle of a city. Our health will suffer from the years of disruption on site and from the unbelievable number of movements of large trucks. The massive works near the head of Flat Rock Gully will seriously pollute the creek and downstream waterways and reduce the enjoyment of nearby playing fields and green spaces.
2. I object to the proposed timescale because, considering the massive volume of documentation, few people and organisations have had the time to read and assess the details of the project. I believe that it should be exhibited again, after the community has had time to recover from the disruptions caused by the measures needed to limit the pandemic crisis of 2020-21 [and perhaps beyond!].
3. I object to the project as it will add very significantly to harmful emissions just when, as a lagging country, we should be doing almost anything that will reduce our emissions.
4. I object to the project because congestion is already being reduced by the B-Line buses, yet there is no mention of further public transport alternatives, whether bus, light rail or metro! Studies to enable such comparisons are essential for full evaluation of the project. Rather than facilitating ever more vehicle traffic with the associated pollution of air and contributing to global heating, Sydney needs a strong public transport system. I suggest that an alternative public transport feasibility study be published before any further planning is done, so that impacts and outcomes can be fairly compared.

Yours sincerely,

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