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

I write to express my objection to the Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Project. I have done my best to read the extensive EIS documents but there is too much to review in such a short time. I have significant concerns about the justification for this project particularly given that there is no published business case, it is not high on Infrastructure Australia's priority list, the EIS demonstrates a significant risk to health and safety and the project and an alternative public transport option has not been fully scoped and compared.

I object to the project for the following reasons:

1. The timing of release of this project at the end of what has been a very challenging year. This project impacts a large number of schools and passes through highly residential areas. Families, community groups and schools have been under a huge amount of strain throughout the exhibition stage. School P&C's did not have the opportunity to review the documents and parents were caring for children on school holidays. The 12,000+ page documents are very difficult to read on screen and the Library was not allowing borrowing. The project should be re-exhibited well after the COVID-19 crisis has passed and when normal life returns and when we understand the permanent changes that it has made.
2. I object to the project due to the contamination risks it presents to the environment and to human health and the negative impact on our precious waterways and green spaces.
  - I am particularly concerned about the impact this will have on the netball community, as there will be significant initial and ongoing disruption to the courts at Bicentennial reserve.
3. I object to the project due to the scale, extent and risk of groundworks in sensitive residential areas and foreshore environments for example, due to the contamination of key waterways and park areas.
4. I object to the project due to the unreasonable level of impact on the Quality of Life of residents during the tunnel construction and operation because
  - There will be significant negative impacts to all residents in the area with noise, pollution, traffic congestion.

5. I object to the project due to the threat to our biodiversity and green spaces. For example,

- The loss of park land and wooded areas at Tunks park

6. I object to the project as it is a tolled road and there is little evidence that it will alleviate current congestion.

Given the increase of working from home, the actual number of cars using this tunnel would be less – if anything should be built it should be metro train lines or some other form of public transport only

7. I object to the project as it has a poor climate profile at a time when we should be looking to projects which reduce our emissions

As mentioned above, public transport options should be looked at.

8. I object to the project as there has been no publicly published business case and the costs demonstrated in the EIS seem to far outweigh the benefits. The EIS also fails to fully scope many aspects such as utilities and contamination which poses a risk to the project.

9. I object to the project because the B-Line buses have been successful in reducing congestion and no public transport alternative study has been done with which to compare this project.

Public transport options should be thoroughly researched as an alternative for the tunnel for cars only.

This project is a missed opportunity to transform Sydney into a world class, healthy and sustainable city with a strong public transport system. The EIS demonstrates that this toll road will be extremely expensive to build and high risk with little benefit. I would ask that an alternative public transport feasibility study be published before any further planning occurs so that impacts and outcomes can be fairly compared.

Yours sincerely,

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