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Dear Glenn

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## North Connex Project (SSi-6136) Coa Ell Modification request – VOC ventilation outlet limit

I am stunned to see RMS's submission to increase the emission

levels within the Northconnex tunnel; stunned for 2 reasons:

- 1. This is allegedly down to a transcription error; extraordinary that such a fundamental aspect was not picked up until now, when development is well underway and any change in design to reduce emission levels will have a significant impact on the project.
- 2. The increase in emission levels is <u>four</u> times the original submission and sweeping statements are made by the RMS that just haven't been qualified. This includes a statement made by S.Shand that "An amended VOC limit will result in little, if any change to local air quality for the surrounding community and no mitigation measures are required." Even a lay person can understand what goes in must come out.

Should this be referred to ICAC to investigate how such a fundamental error could be made in the first place, and why is the timing such that it would appear little can be done without significant additional cost?

What is the level of confidence in all other technical aspects of the project, given such a fundamental error has only just been identified?

Obviously the community are watching to see your response, but I wanted to personally ask you to consider both the way in which this has come about, specifically whether a 'transcription error' is likely and acceptable, and whether you have the power to reject the requested increase and ensure effective filtration is installed to protect both the travellers within the tunnel and community nearly the stacks?

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Regards,		
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