

I am a concerned resident from West Pennant Hills who has lived here for 14 years. I am extremely concerned about the major works planned in my backyard and the health and well being of residents in Gum Grove Place, West Pennant Hills and those in the surrounding streets in our area. I can understand the need to improve and upgrade infrastructure which I am all for, but don't understand why this location has been selected when there is a better alternative.

It took us several years to find the perfect six bedroom home at the very end of a quiet cul de sac. We have recently renovated the entire house inside and out from top (roof) to bottom (digging under), to changing every window and door! The house has been fitted with quality fittings and appliances.

We have utilised the space for entertaining with flora and fauna for us to enjoy. To be able to see the beauty and entirety of our backyard with the trees and birds as a backdrop, we craned in glass over the top of our double storey home and replaced the whole back wall with floor to ceiling glass. Our home is light, peaceful, airy and clean and we now feel like we have the outside inside! Our double glass bi-fold doors remain open in the summer from the time we get up until the time we go down. We eat our meals outside and constantly have children stay.

This proposal will change the value, air quality, noise and the aesthetics of our home. I will not be getting up in the morning and coming home of an afternoon to look at a noise wall. This is what we will be looking at while I prepare our dinner and while sitting in the family room. Not forgetting this is day in and day out! I will not tolerate any eyesores!

#### **Unfiltered Emissions Stack:**

Is planned for just behind our swimming pool, basically in our neighbours backyard. This family have three primary school aged boys one of whom is an asthmatic and we have four high school aged daughters who are extremely fit and healthy. They have and will continue to represent themselves and their sport nationally and internationally, so do not want their health jeopardised in any way. This will jeopardise their health along with everyone else living in the vicinity of the stack!

I want 100% assurance that the health of my friends and family are not at risk. Not forgetting our doors are open and we eat outside. Some questions I have are: Why is the stack being positioned in residential area? Are the emissions carcinogenic? Why are the emissions not filtered? Why isn't it being placed at the exit portal at the golf course? Who is going to clean my house? Will my rendered walls and the travertine on the floors be stained? Will we lose our privacy? What preventions have you in place for the privacy of my family during construction? Not forgetting you can see straight into our house. What preventions are in place to ensure no dust and dirt will enter the home during construction?

My husband is an engineer, currently working on a project in Gladstone QLD and he has said the most efficient position for the stack is directly above the exit portal. Why is this not the case in your proposal? What other tenders/submissions to carry out this project are there? What other alternatives have been put forward?

### **Tunnel Entry**

Is there the need for an entry point at the corner of the M2 and Pennant Hills Road, when there is already an entry not even 200m up the road on Pennant Hills Road on the same block? For commuters it won't make any difference, but it's the world of difference to my neighbours and I! This would also be a cost saving.

If there has to be another entry point, why can't this be made approx. 1km back on the M2 in the vacant land where no residents will be disturbed, inconvenienced and their lifestyle changed dramatically.

### **Proposed Traffic Route:**

Having four high school aged daughters (who are not at the same high school) with heavy school and sporting commitments, you can appreciate I may do up to 3 trips up and down Eaton and Karloon Rd before 9am each morning. An example is this morning where I left at 6.30am dropping two daughters at Wahroonga, then went back home to then take another daughter at 7.30am to Beecroft station and then back home to take my eldest daughter to Cheltenham. My family is only one of many!

I therefore object to the proposed traffic route via Aiken, Oakes, Eaton and Karloon Roads. My concern here are:

- Heavy vehicle traffic on residential roads 24/7 during construction;
- Congestion in current traffic without the trucks;
- Safety of children getting on and off buses;
- Risk posed to the safety of children residing in the area; and
- Pollution.

### **Noise and Vibration:**

As I mentioned my four daughters are in high school! So they have all now approached the most important years of their school lives - their HSC. With four daughters, there will be one daughter doing their HSC every other year over the next five years. This is a time they do not need any disturbance or changes in their life. I have ensured the house is completed for this important time including having their own office fitted out, each with their own work station. This room overlooks the peaceful backyard! I will not have them subjected to any inconvenience at any time.

Will the vibrations cause any structural damage to our home?

**Property Value:**

I work in real estate and know the massive drop in value this proposal has on the value of my home if we were to sell now. The value will decrease further if there are any eyesores in sight.

I would like to see another alternative for this project to go ahead. There is an attachment being an alternative I would be happy with.