Director – Infrastructure Projects Department of Planning and Environment

Number: SSI 13_6136 Major Projects Assessment GPO Box 39 Sydney NSW 2001

NorthConnex Application Number: SSI 13_6136

Please find below my submission in response to the exhibition of the EIS for NorthConnex.

First and foremost my Family and I would like to object to the project as described in the EIS.

We have a high level of concern regarding the following issues and request that NorthConnex and the Department of Planning consider these.

In regards to NorthConnex tunnel, we are concerned about:

- 1. Placement of the ventilation stack in the center of a densely populated residential area in West Pennant Hills where children in places like Murray Farm Public School (Primary), Carlingford High school, and numerous child care centre's will be exposed as well as multiple businesses and homes.
- 2. We are highly concerned about the multiple large-scale research studies that suggest the impacts of air pollution on health are serious.

To address our concerns I request that the following actions are undertaken:

- 1. Due to significant health concerns of the current project design, I request the department of planning does not approve the project in its current form.
- 2. An independent assessment of alternative locations for the ventilation stack and portals.
- 3. A comprehensive air quality monitoring program is developed and implemented.
- 4. An independent review of the ventilation system is undertaken to ensure that NorthConnex's claim of no portal emission is justified.
- 5. Portal emissions from NorthConnex in the future are banned.
- 6. The Submission Report/Preferred Project be exhibited to allow the community to respond to the revised information contained in the report.
- 7. The department does not approve the project in its current form, as it clearly does not meet the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development as required by the Environment Planning and Assessment Act.

