

Submission on the Proposed Trelawney Street Tunnel Support Facility

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Atten: Director Infrastructure Projects Department of Planning and Environment Application No SSI 13\_6136 Major Projects Assessment GPO Box 39 Sydney NSW 2001

Submitted by:



Appendix A. Petition from 176 residents of: Loch Maree Ave. Thornleigh Trelawney St. Thornleigh Blantyre Close, Thornleigh Rannock Place, Thornleigh Nelson St., Thornleigh Greenhill Ave. Normanhurst Begonia Rd. Normanhurst Oak St. Normanhurst Cedar St. Normanhurst Palm Grove, Normanhurst

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### Submission to NorthConnex project Trelawney Street Support Facility

This is a submission and petition from residents of Loch Maree Avenue and adjoining streets against the proposed use of Loch Maree Avenue for heavy vehicle movements to and from the Trelawney Street Tunnel Support Facility of the NorthConnex construction project.

Our concerns relate to:

- Traffic jams impeding traffic flow in Loch Maree Avenue and Pennant Hills Road
- Traffic accidents involving children, mothers and elderly residents.
- Vehicular parking creating safety concerns with reduced visibility and traffic blockages
- Vehicular pollution and noise created by the estimated additional 1140 heavy vehicles movements per day accessing the Support Facility in Loch Maree Avenue.

With reference to leaflet factsheet RMS14.299 which states that construction traffic vehicle access, would be from Loch Maree Avenue (*left in*) and Pennant Hills Road (*left out*). Also the Northbound vehicles would be required to turn right into Phyllis Avenue and conduct a u-turn at the Phyllis/Central Avenue roundabout back onto Pennant Hills Road, Thornleigh. The factsheet states that vehicle movements would occur up to 24 hours a day and 7 days a week during peak construction periods of tunneling. This would total heavy and light vehicle movements **1,340 per day**.

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## 1. TRAFFIC JAMS

These heavy and light vehicular movements scheduled to operate 24 hours a day
will impede local residents access and exit to Pennant Hills Road. They will
reduce traffic flow and create an immediate detrimental impact on the residents
in Loch Maree Avenue (51 Townhouses & 24 houses), Rannock Place (5
houses), Blantyre Close (3 houses), Trelawney Street (17 houses), Nelson Street
(32 Townhouses & 19 houses), Greenhill Avenue (18 houses), Cedar Street (18
houses), Oak Street (22houses), Begonia Road (13 houses), Palm Grove (15)

## Total 237 Houses/Townhouses

 Residents from the "Woodlands Estate" Normanhurst are also using the Loch Maree Avenue Traffic lights (approx. 90 houses) and will also suffer extreme difficulty entering and exiting from the traffic lights at Loch Maree Avenue during construction of the Support Facility.

### Other affected parties are:-

- There is a regular bus service operating on Loch Maree Avenue, servicing Hornsby to Sydney Adventist Hospital via Thornleigh Station. (SANLINK) The Hospital Management announced, recently, there will be an increased number bus services due to the expansion of the "San" Hospital.
- The regular **school bus** service along Loch Maree Avenue, necessary as there are no Primary and High Schools (either State or Independent Schools) on the eastern side of Pennant Hills Road.
- The Local Hornsby to Woodlands Estate and Thornleigh Station bus service Application No SSI 13\_6136. Submission Page 3 of 5

which crosses Pennant Hills Road at Loch Maree Avenue. Shorelink Route. 589

• The Metrobus **Route M60** travels along Pennant Hills Road at the Loch Maree Avenue junction

## 2. TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND SAFETY

- The Traffic Lights at the intersection of Loch Maree Avenue and Pennant Hills Road are a notorious Blackspot for accidents, with residents already having great difficulty when turning right or attempting to drive straight ahead to Phyllis Avenue which is the route to Thornleigh Station, Bunnings and the head office of the McDonalds Corporation in NSW.
- As Loch Maree Avenue has a very steep incline there have been accidents due to reduced visability for residents when cars are parked close to driveways and on both sides of the road.
- The heavy vehicular traffic creates safety concerns for numbers of schoolchildren waiting for school buses in Loch Maree Avenue.

## 3. VEHICULAR PARKING

- Though NorthConnex have provision for 300 cars to park at the Pioneer Avenue site there will be contractors parking around the Trelawney Street Facility, which would mean the neighbouring streets would be parked out from 7.00am to 6.00pm.
- In Loch Maree Avenue there is a complex of 51 Town Houses "the Village Green" with limited amount of visitor and resident parking in the complex, cars are often parked in the street.

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- Extra parking in Loch Maree Avenue creates **traffic flow and safety concerns** and restricts local residents' ability to park outside their homes.
- There is a church on the corner of Loch Maree Avenue and Pennant Hills Road, that has many activities during the week requiring **parking on the street**. Any parking on the right hand side (Church Side) near the traffic lights, impedes the left turn and forces drivers turning left to queue behind drivers turning right.

## 4. VEHICULAR POLLUTION AND NOISE

- The proposal to allow heavy vehicles with diesel emissions to access the Support Facility at Loch Maree Avenue for 4 years will increase the pollution impact on local residents
- In addition the residents of Loch Maree Avenue and Trelawney Street will be adversely affected by noise from the construction for 4 years.
- There are many **retired people** living in the area who are around during the working day, who chose to live in this area as they enjoy a quiet, peaceful environment.

We the undersigned residents of Loch Maree Avenue and surrounding streets, (see Appendix A) regard the issues created by the proposed NorthConnex's heavy vehicles accessing the Support Facility will have serious impacts on our **health**, **safety** and **environmental** quality. We seek your recognition and action in addressing these issues. The original plan for cars and trucks to **enter and exit** the site via **Pennant Hills Road** would have much less impact on the local community.

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