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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 our submission in response to the exhibition of the EIS for NorthConnex.

## Firstly we would like to state we **object** to the project as described in the EIS.

We have a high level of concern regarding the following issues and request that these be considered by NorthConnex and the Department of Planning. In regards to the NorthConnex tunnel, My concern revolved mostly on

Health of the children in and around this area due to the large number of primary school, and the health impact on the children. All the public speeches in the last few days that I have listened to and research published show possible adverse impact on children, I have 2 children of my own and I am greatly concerned as they are primary aged, young children are expected to be affected with poor lung growth, increased asthma, increased autism, and congenital heart defects. This is a very scary thought. It is estimated apox 10000 children in this area.

The EIS statements have reference to increased traffic in the local roads, Connanabarra road and Junction road. While the construction is taking place these would be very dangerous for my children and all other children who use these roads every day to walk to and from School. This would mean we would be putting the safety of the children at risk. Can you please advice what is the actual route these vehicles will be taking.

We are concerned of the fact ,has the department of planning has consider other transparent options, If so can this be made public, I am sure alternatives are available which cause less risk/ damages to human life, mostly children. Find a better way to get the trucks off the Pennent hills road, and to look at other options so as to avoid having ventilation stack I strongly recommend that 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 Environmental Planning and Assessment, and to carry out further study of other alternates to reduce traffic on Pennant Hills road , with the likes of over ground modes or improve rail as a means of cargo transportation which will take the trucks off the road completely.

Please think about the children. They are our future what we dream about in and what we live for. Without them we are nothing.

