Australia is not a third world country and can afford to build to world best practice , plus by building and filtering to world best practice I feel there would be saving in future health care cost that would result from the cleaner atmosphere .

In Sydney we have the ongoing saga of the M5 tunnel, not properly ventilated and filtered when it was built, from what is said in the popular press there are still continuing issues with it.

There should be no consideration given to building the stacks and retro fitting filtration at a later date, this is not an option as that would be the mostly costly option of having filtration, it has to be installed during the construction stages.

When the Lane Cove tunnel, Cross City tunnel, Harbour tunnel are spoken about as examples it should be kept in mind that these are all much shorter tunnels therefore the pollution at each end will be less than from a 9 km long tunnel.

Our desire is to see the North Connex Tunnel built with properly sighted and designed stacks with World best practice motor vehicle exhaust filtration systems installed.

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