

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 regard to the NorthConnex tunnel, we are concerned about –

1. Placement of the northern unventilated stack in the centre of a densely populated residential area in Wahroonga, where 9,300 school children will be exposed, as well as multiple aged care facilities, hospitals, businesses and homes.

2. We are highly concerned about the multiple large scale research studies that suggest the impacts of air pollutants on health are serious. These include increased death from heart disease, increased risks of lung cancer, stroke, poor lung growth in children, increased asthma and recent research suggesting low birth weight for babies, increased autism and congenital heart defects. These confirm air pollutants have prothrombotic and inflammatory effects on humans which cause the above health problems.

To address our concerns we request that the following actions are undertaken –

1. Due to the significant health concerns of the current project design, we request the department of planning does not approve the project in its current form.

Department of Planning Received 1 0 SEP 2014 Scanning Room 2. We also request that alternative transport options to ease congestion on Pennant Hills Road be considered, such as an orbital surface route.

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