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OBJECTION TO THE PROJECT No. SSI 13_6136

The Director-Infrastructure Projects

Department of Planning and Environment

No. SSI 13_6136

Major Projects Assessment

Dear Sir, NorthConnex Application No. SSI 13-6136

I am submitting a response to the exhibition of the EIS for NorthConnex.

I would like to state that I object to the project as described in the EIS for the following reasons:

1. **Pollution**-Placement of the northern ventilation stack and the tunnel exit in the middle of a densely populated residential area, where there are thousands of school children, infants and old people will be exposed to exhaust fumes. These exhaust fumes of thousands of diesel trucks, vans plus thousands of cars/4 wheel drives will be continuously pushing out from the 9 Km tunnel exit and from the stack, without ever stopping. It will be forever contaminating a very large area where countless homes, multistorey high rise, schools, child cares, aged cares and hospitals now exist. All will suffer, including the vehicle drivers who use the tunnel
2. **Height of Stack**-Considering at where the pollution stack is supposed to be built. That is in the heritage listed area. It is down in the valley, the height of it will be below the height of the existing apartment blocks situated right on the eastern side of the exit (many taller units blocks are being built right now in this listed high density area). On the western side of the stack is the heritage area. Concentrated pollution will directly blow thru the windows of two storey houses on the much higher ground. The schools, child cares, aged cares and hospitals will be affected. I and my wife live in this house which is less than 200 metres from the stack. We are elderly retired [REDACTED] We would not be able to move away. Our health will get worse.

3. **Health Hazard**-The health hazard of the kind of fumes has been studied extensively and proven. The invisible smaller particles are beyond measured. These are more harmful as they go straight thru to the lung of the sufferer. It is not as harmless as stated in the EIS. The amount of pollutant would be much larger than as stated. Over all, the aim of the EIS looks like smoothing the way for cost cutting for the project and to realize early financial return. Drivers using the tunnel will suffer seriously in health as with the others. The taxpayers will keep paying an ever bigger health cost bill. The benefit of cost cuttings is for the contractors who build and run the tunnel.
4. **Explosion**-The situation is not considered and addressed in the case of trucks or cars explosions or major fire, in particular when such a long and busy concealed tunnel is concern. These incidents will definitely happen because of so many thousands of trucks and cars rushing thru the tunnel in peak hours. And numbers of such incidents will increase as traffic increase with time. How the trapped victims escape? There are not planed for that in the statement.
5. **The eternal effect**-The number of cars and trucks are ever increasing. Pollution will increase. Population and density of this area are increasing now. As the city is expending and spreading outward, it would not be too long to find that stack in the middle of the city. More and more people (vehicle drivers included) then would be condemned to breathe in the fumes without end. Maybe then another tunnel need to be built.
6. **For future's sake**-Our next generation and the generations to come are depending on our decision today. It is our duty. We must not let this irresponsible budget saving project to be rushed thru in the present form. That is the reason I am strongly opposing it.

I am extremely concern regarding these issues. On behalf of my families, my friends and neighbours, old and young, I am asking for your department for a kind consideration-not to approve the current form of the project. I would also request an alternative option be considered to ease the congestion on Pennant Hills Rd, such as an orbital surface route. That will be better for our future, and help to develop a larger Sydney.

This is my Submission. Thank you.

