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The Director – infrastructure Projects

Department of Planning and Environment

Number SSI 13\_6136

Major Project Assessment

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**NorthConnex Application Number: SSI 13 6136**

My letter is directed to you in response to the exhibition of the EIS for NorthConnex.

Whilst realising there is a need to upgrade the infrastructure and relieve Pennant Hills Road of traffic congestion and the tunnel being a suitable alternative there is a major problem in relation to the installation of the ventilation stacks which are proposed which I am deeply concerned about:-

1. Placement of **unfiltered** northern ventilation stack in the centre of a densely populated residential area in Wahroonga, where almost 10,000 school children will be exposed as well as multiple aged care facilities, major hospitals and businesses.
2. The disregard shown toward the multiple large scale research studies which suggest that the impacts of air pollutants on peoples' health are serious! These include increased death from heart disease, Lung cancer stroke, poor lung growth in children, increased asthma, low birth weight for pregnant women, increased autism and congenital heart defects.

To address my concerns, I request that the following actions be undertaken:-

1. Due to the significant health concerns of the current design, I request that the Department of planning does not approve the Project in its current form.
2. Amend the tunnel design using 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology, to remove especially dangerous micro particles from the exhaust fumes as done in other countries and investigate other sites in less populated areas to erect the stacks.

Yours Sincerely,

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