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Department of Planning and Environment
Number 13_6136
Major Projects Assessment
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North Connex Application Number SSI 13_6136.

Please find below my submission in response to the exhibition of the EIS for NorthConnex.

At the outset, I OBJECT STRONGLY to the project as described in the EIS.

I have a very high level of concern regarding the following:-

1. Placement of the northern ventilation stack in the centre of a densely populated residential area in Wahroonga. In this area there are about 9300 school children who will be exposed along with multiple aged care facilities, hospitals, businesses and homes.

2. There is sufficient evidence from research studies to 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, amongst other issues. We cannot expose this community to these threats which we already know. Surely we have learnt some lessons from the history of effects of asbestos on health which were not known at the outset of the use of asbestos. Here we have knowledge at the outset so this cannot be allowed proceed in its present form.

I would not want this to be a legacy we leave to our children and grandchildren let alone the community at large given we know the threats at the outset.

To address the concerns expressed here I request the following actions occur:

1. The Department of Planning reject, in strongest terms possible, the project in its present form.
2. The alternative transport options such as an orbital surface route to ease congestion on Pennant Hills Road be considered.

I look forward to your response which agrees with and accepts the requests contained herein.

Yours faithfully

(William M Howell)

