

Director-Infrastructure Projects Department of Planning and Environment Number: SS1 13\_6136 Major Projects Assessment GPO Box 39 Sydney NSW 2001

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Dear Sir,

## Re: NorthConnex Application Number SS1 13 6136

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

Firstly I would like to state that I object strongly to the project as described in the EIS.

I 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 I am concerned about:

1.Placement of the northern ventilation stack in the centre of a densely populated area in Wahroonga where a very high number of school children as well as many aged care facilities, hospitals, businesses and residences will be subjected to a high level of pollution.

2. I am most concerned about the large scale research studies that indicate the impact of air pollutants on health is serious. Such health issues include increased death from heart disease, increased risk of lung cancer, stroke, poor lung growth in children and an increase in asthma. I understand that recent research also indicates there is the possibility of low birth weight in pregnant women, increased autism and congenital heart defects.

Because of the above serious health concerns I do not think that the Department of Planning should approve the project in its present form.

I also think that alternative transport options to ease the congestion on Pennant Hills road such as an orbital surface route should be seriously considered. The future health of the community is paramount and should override cost considerations.

Yours sincerely,

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