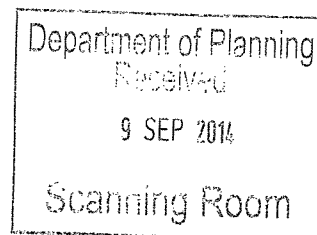


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5th September 2014.

The Director - Infrastructure Projects,
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Number: SS1 13_6136
Major Projects Assessment,
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North Connex application Number: SS1 13_6136.

Please find below our submission in response to the exhibition of the EIS for North Connex.

Firstly we should like to state we object most strongly to the project as described in the EIS.

We have a high level of concern regarding the following issues and request these be considered by North Connex and the Department of Planning. In regards to this tunnel we are most concerned about:-

- 1/ Placement of the northern (unfiltered) Ventilation 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 & homes. Surely the added cost of filtration would be offset by the probable future health care costs as indicated in Paragraph 2.
- 2/ We are highly concerned about the multiple large scale research studies that suggest the impacts of air pollutants on health are serious - including increased death from heart disease, increased risks of lung cancer, stroke, poor lung growth in children, increased asthma. Recent research suggests these can also cause low birth weights for pregnant women, increased autism & congenital heart defects.

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.
- 2/ We also request that alternative transport options to ease congestion on Pennant Hills Rd. be considered such as an orbital surface route

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