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NorthConnex Application Number: SSI 13_6136

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

Firstly we would like to state we **object** to the project as described in the EIS.

We have a high level of concern regarding the following issues and request that these be considered by NorthConnex and the Department of Planning.

We moved to Wahroonga in October 2013 with the principal objective of providing a healthy and safe environment to raise our children with access to quality schooling. Our daughter is 2 years old, and we have another baby due in December.

As such, we were very disappointed to learn that an unfiltered ventilation stack would be built less 800m from our home.

As you must know, the northern ventilation stack is proposed to be located in the centre of a densely populated residential area in Wahroonga. We do not understand how this site could ever be selected for a ventilation stack. This is particularly concerning given that:

- the ventilation stack will be placed in a valley in Wahroonga where there are often low wind speeds, which will result in poor dispersion and exposure to community to high levels of tunnel emission
- the ventilation stack will be surrounded by schools
- the NorthConnex tunnel is being designed for heavy freight to bypass Pennant Hills Rd, meaning that there will be a large amount of diesel emissions emitted from the tunnel
- the ventilation stack will have no filtration.

To address these issues, we ask that the current proposal be rejected in its current form, unless the ventilation stack is moved further north to a non-residential area and community concerns regarding the ventilation stack are addressed. .

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