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RE: NORTHCONNEX APPLICATION NUMBER: SSI 13 6136

Dear NorthConnex Project Team,

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

Firstly I would like to state that **<u>I OBJECT TO THE PROJECT</u>** 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 regards to the NorthConnex tunnel. I am concerned about:

- 1. Placement of the northern 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, hospital, businesses and homes.
- 2. I am highly concerned about the multiple large scale research studies that 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, increased asthma and recent research suggesting low birth weight for pregnant women, increased autism, and congenital heart defects. These studies confirm air pollutants have prethrombotic and inflammatory effects on humans which cause the above health problems.

To address my concerns I request that the following actions are undertaken:

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RE:

POTENTIAL ELIGIBILITY FOR INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY NOISE TREATMENT

Dear NorthConnex Project Team,

I am in receipt of your letter dated 26.8.14. wherein you stated that my property has been identified in the EIS as potentially qualifying for noise treatment and I am therefore making a formal submission that this may be done.

I would also like to bring to your attention the fact that 3 of the townhouses across the internal driveway of the complex are due to be demolished in the not too distant future. I therefore have major concerns in regard to this e.g. the noise and inconvenience not to mention the pollution and dust that this is going to cause. There are many elderly people in the complex and people with health problems and I myself suffer from severe sinus problems which would definitely be affected by the dust and pollution and therefore we could all have major health problems and be affected by this while it is in progress and would probably have continuing health problems.

Also, are we going to receive some monetary compensation? All of our properties will definitely be affected. They will definitely lose value and also if we did want to sell no one would now want to but our properties in what was a very sought after section in Wahroonga being very close to the station and shops and also local schools. I therefore feel that I should get some sort of monetary compensation for this.

Yours sincerely,

VALERIE STROTHERS