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Department of Planning and Environment
Number: SSI 13_6136
Major Projects Assessment
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NorthConnex Application Number: SSI 13_6136

Dear Sir / Madam,

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

Firstly we would like to state that 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 and acted upon by NorthConnex and the Department of Planning. In regards to the NorthConnex tunnel, I am concerned and object 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, hospitals, Businesses and homes.
2. We are 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 prothrombotic and inflammatory effects on humans which cause the above health problems. **Residents require (and demand) clean air and clean environment**

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 it's current form. **Perhaps it should be discarded entirely.**
2. We also request that alternative transport options to ease congestion on Pennant Hills Rd be considered and action taken, such as an orbital surface route.
3. It is suggested that the population of Sydney and suburbs is already overcrowded. Consideration should be given to programs that stop further population growth in order to consolidate and provide higher quality living and environmental condition to the current inhabitants.

Sincerely

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