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Director Infrastructure Projects
 Department of Planning and Environment
 Application number - SSI 13_6136
 Major Projects Assessment
 GPO Box 39 Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Sir / Madam

We have reviewed the EIS for the NorthConnex tunnel and have concerns, as per below.

Truck Numbers Impacting Loch Maree Ave/Pennant Hills Road Intersection

- During current peak-times access to and from Loch Maree is already extremely difficult due to existing traffic levels. This is always compounded by trucks continually queuing across Pennant Hills Road. It seems inconceivable how this additional traffic would not cause extreme inconvenience as well as risks to personal safety to local residents.
- Everyday we witness trucks and car drivers running the lights and/or blocking the Loch Maree Ave/Pennant Hills Road intersection, the safety of our family will be at greater risk with this increase of truck traffic with truck drivers keen to get through the lights or we will be forced to wait an unacceptable length of time as trucks make their way through the intersection. The trucks will also block both lanes on Loch Maree Avenue as they attempt negotiation of the turn again negatively affecting traffic flow. It is also a reality that trucks will block lanes as they risk turning onto a congested road.
- Phyllis Ave will also have a extremely significant back log with trucks trying to turn around and head north. The heavy vehicle traffic will impact all lanes in Phyllis Ave as they attempt to turn out onto Pennant Hills Road again negatively affecting the flow of traffic and safety of people as trucks/cars will be tempted to run lights to enter the highway.

100 light vehicles parked on Loch Maree/ Trelawney St Site

- For all the local residents from Loch Maree to Stuart Ave there are only two exit points with lights that drivers can turn left and right at (Loch Maree and Stuart Ave). The addition of an extra 100 light vehicles in and out at shift changes of the tunnel support facility, will cause significant traffic congestion along local streets. The area is home to many families with young children and the addition of extra vehicles along local streets will pose a real safety risk to residents. The additional 100 light vehicles entering and exiting on Loch Maree Ave, especially at peak times will further impact traffic and make it more difficult for local traffic/ residents to turn onto/off Pennant Hills Road.

24/7 Operation

- Currently heavy vehicle traffic from Pennant Hills Road is often audible at night along Loch Maree Avenue. The noise of coming and going heavy vehicles from the site will definitely impact local residents.

Location of Trelawney St Site

- The western side of Pennant Hills Road (cnr of Phyllis Ave/Pennant Hills Road) seems a more appropriate location choice for the tunnel support facility, with reduced impact on local residences and existing residents.

Thank you for consideration in these matters. We look forward to hearing from you prior to approval of the project.

Regards

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