

Project SSI 15\_7400

Submission

I do not approve of the planned project and seek minor modifications to protect local residents and visitors from danger, noise and dust.

I have no political donations to disclose.

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I write to request that the proposed project be modified. Specifically, the manner of movement of spoil and attenuation of noise and dust which will have a large impact on the residents adjacent to the Retrieval Site in Blues Point.

I urge the project applicant and government not to proceed with removing spoil and returning it again to the Blues Point retrieval site using trucks. The Blues Point site couldn't be better located for water borne transport. The site is within 50m of an existing road and concrete wharf infrastructure that could be adapted to allow barges to load and unload saving literally years of heavy truck movements with associated noise from braking and revving to accommodate the incline of Blues Point Road, damage to the pavement and environment and safety issues. Trucks will have to move through narrow streets which are often crowded with people including children crossing the road to attend schools, creating significant safety issues. The truck movements will disrupt the small businesses that front Blues Point Road, and the crowds of café and pub patrons. Furthermore, the movement of the cutting heads will be extremely difficult through the narrow streets of McMahons Point. Barging them directly to Barrangaroo would appear easier and quicker.

Barging will significantly reduce the need for heavy truck movements. It will save residents and visitors the danger, disruption and noise which would come from heavy trucks, and the Council and government the cost of pavement repair and modification, and the associated significant public relations problems from their use.

Secondly, the Blues Point Retrieval site must have an acoustic shed cover of the type being proposed for all the other excavation sites in this project. This excavation work will negatively impact many people. The site is surrounded by high density residential housing on three sides. Over 200 residences with more than 500 people are directly adjacent to the site. Over 120 residences with approx 250 residents have windows and balconies overlooking the site. Many of these people are at home during the day (during construction hours as proposed in the EIS) as they are retired or run small businesses from home. Because the site is surrounded by apartment towers, any noise from the works will effect vastly more residents than in a low rise neighbourhood and the suggested 'hoardings' will be of minimal value in attenuating the noise and dust.

Additionally, the predominate wind direction at this site during construction hours is from the water towards the residential apartments. This will accentuate the noise levels and carry dust and dirt into residences.

Please ensure that the excavation site will have its machinery sited and exhausts and vents placed to discharge fumes and noise away from the residential buildings (ie out into the harbour) and an Acoustic Shed erected to minimise noise and dust pollution which will otherwise seriously impact the lives of the surrounding residences over a 12-24 month period.

Thank you

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