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I am writing on behalf of the Lavender Bay Precinct, a group of interested stakeholders who meet under the auspices of North Sydney Council.

Precinct supports improvements to public transport. However, we have a number of concerns relating to the Sydney Metro Environmental Impact Statement to which we wish to respond.

Precinct's main concerns are about the effects we will experience with the excavation and re-filling of the access pit in Blues Point Reserve.

1. The EIS shows no remedies to contain the noise and dust created. The access pit, if needed, should be contained in an "acoustic shed" which should contain dust created and protect residents from noise.
2. The EIS refers to removal of spoil from McMahon's Point by road. This is unacceptable. Removal (and replacement) of spoil as well as any other heavy vehicle movement now proposed should be substituted with the movement achieved by barge, should an excavation pit be needed.
3. Alternatives to an access pit have not been addressed. These might include underground assembly of the tunnel cutting head and discarding the cutting head underground when finished. Such alternatives would mean no surface disruption, preservation of residential amenity and retention of access to public reserves, especially during harbour events.

Precinct is also concerned about Loss of Parking. How this loss is to be borne is not mentioned. Parking should be provided on site. An adjoining property at 1 Henry Lawson Avenue, currently zoned Open Space, should be acquired for parking purposes and returned to the public domain when works in Blues Point Reserve are complete.

There are presently a number of significant trees in Miller and Berry Streets in the vicinity of the proposed Victoria Cross station site. The EIS says trees will be removed without saying which ones or how many. We wish all trees be retained and protected and that they are included in the rebuilt streetscape.

At the conclusion of the works, Sydney Metro should work with North Sydney Council (or whatever local authority is then in existence) to reinstate Blues Point Reserve, reinstate heritage style bus

shelter and reconfigure the intersection of Henry Lawson Ave and Blues Point Road to provide safer pedestrian crossings.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours faithfully,

Ian Curdie
Secretary, Lavender Bay Precinct