

Faiza Ahmad, Chairperson, Blues Point Tower Executive Committee, 14-28 Blues Point Road,
McMahons Point 2060

Re: Application number SSI 15_7400

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of the Blues Point Tower Executive Committee representing the owners of Blues Point Tower to express our objection to the proposed Blues Point Temporary Retrieval site at Blues Point Reserve.

We object to the establishment of a temporary site at Blues Point Reserve for the retrieval of the cutting heads for the tunnel boring machines on the basis that this will have a devastating impact on Blues Point Reserve which is a heritage listed site, and will significantly impact on the residents living conditions in the local area, particularly those residing in Blues Point Tower, which is located just 72 metres from the proposed construction site.

We object to the removal of the Blues Point Reserve and park area from public access for a period of two years and the accompanying construction noise, traffic and transport impacts on residents over this prolonged period of time that will occur as a result of the excavation activity and the removal of the waste material from the site.

The construction site will have a prolonged noise and vibration impact on the residents during the first 12 month excavation work period to establish the shaft to the tunnel. Many of the residents in Blues Point Tower are elderly and occupy their units during business hours, when the works are proposed to take place and they will be particularly impacted by the ongoing noise from the construction work.

The construction site will also remove residents parking for a period of two years and result in the relocation of the current bus stop located on Henry Lawson Drive, which is regularly used by residents, particularly the elderly and those with young children to transport them to the train station.

The proposed construction site will also result in the removal of public access to the Blues Point Reserve and park areas which are frequently used and enjoyed not only by local residents but by tourists and others visiting the area.

We object to the proposed removal of waste material from the excavation site and delivery of concrete using heavy trucks along Blues Point Road, which will result in frequent and persistent heavy truck movement 11 hours per day during this period. We also express our concern about the impact of the heavy truck traffic on pedestrian safety, especially for children and the elderly in the community.

We believe that there has not been adequate consideration of alternative sites to retrieve the boring machine heads and no analysis in the EIS of the possibility of the tunnel boring machine cutters being removed at Barangaroo or Victoria Cross station.

There also has not been any analysis on the use of barges to remove the waste from the harbour site instead of trucks.

Regards,

Faiza Ahmad