

Submission to NSW Planning and Environment

Sydney Metro – Blue Point Temporary Retrieval Site

Tuesday 21st June 2016

Blues Point Rd, McMahon's Point, NSW, 2060

2. Application to mitigate impact Blues Point

3. SS1 15_7400

4. Brief Statement of Objection:

I object to the proposal to excavate Blues Point Reserve for a Metro Retrieval Site for following reasons:

- a. It will forever ruin the reserve; Even once the hole has been refilled, the underlying layers of soil being removed will have historical artifacts that will be lost. The parkland and views during the work will be severely impacted which will affect both residents and tourists. Does this site have to be destroyed? Surely there must be other options for locations to access the tunnel! Barangaroo is non residential at the moment, why does it have to be in our side of the harbor? The impact of the proposal on this narrow and small peninsular will be catastrophic for residents.
- b. Trucks and machinery ; The number of trucks and movements of machinery will significantly affect residents in many ways. Most importantly safety of pedestrians all along Blues Point Road, followed by noise, dust and vibrations caused by many truck movements per day. The impact on the ability to access local shops and the loss of customers for them will be significant. My request to this is that could you please investigate and then implement barges be used rather than trucks to remove the spoil and also to deliver the concrete and tunnel machinery.

- c. Vibration damage to historical homes: This will be inevitable in this area and will be caused by the underground tunneling process and the unimaginable numbers of trucks thundering up and down the road. Our home is pre 1900 and as such was built out of soft lime and mortar and internally we have Lath and Plaster ceilings which crumble when even touched. What will happen to us if the ceilings fall in on us? Do you have a plan to assess our homes before tunneling commences? What will the future impact implications be if the foundations shift from the vibrations and our row of terraces actually falls down?
- d. Parking on Blues point Road and surrounding streets. As we have no garage (like most residents on our road) we rely on street parking. We have been told that at times this will be unavailable to residents. Where are we supposed to park? How will we be able to manage our lives with getting to work, school, shops, hospitals etc?

I declare that I have made no reportable political donations in the previous 2 years, or ever.