

Attn: The Director, Transport Assessments

RE: Project Number SSI 15 7400 Sydney Metro

Objection to the Blues Point Retrieval Site

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Dear Director

As a local resident living close to Blues Point Road and a frequent user of its facilities, I write to strongly OBJECT to the proposal to excavate Blues Point Reserve for a Metro Retrieval Site.

I believe the impacts on the quality of life of the local residents will be considerable, and urge your organisation to find an alternative (see below).

The impacts include the following:

- A devastating impact on Blues Point Reserve. This park is used throughout the year by visitors from all over Sydney, as well as local residents.
- People living close around the Reserve will be impacted hugely by noise, sound and atmospheric pollution, causing a sudden and catastrophic drop in their quality of life.
- The proposed removal of waste material from the excavation site and the delivery of concrete will result in frequent and persistent truck movements, which, I believe, the EIS has quantified. This will not only dramatically and catastrophically impact Blues Point Road, including local residents, shop owners, businesses, restaurants and diners, but will spread right into the heart of North Sydney, which already has a significant amount of weekday traffic. Trucks will bank up, tying up the road, making access to homes on and off Blues Point Road almost impossible. In fact, it would be hard to dream up a worse idea.
- Other impacts from the truck movements include: noise and vibration (causing much potential damage to surrounding heritage protected buildings and homes), pedestrian safety (especially for children and the elderly), general road safety, extended delays, and a significant amount of pollution heralding many potential poor health consequences.
- Removal of local parking (also impacting local business).
- All severely impacting a key historic area of Sydney.

There must be a better alternative than this. Surely it's within your department's capabilities to come up with a better plan?

For example, since a huge amount of work is going to be done at Barangaroo (where nobody lives) and Victoria Cross Station. Surely the boring heads and dirt/concrete exchange can happen there?

Or perhaps use barges from the harbor site instead of trucks?

I urge a rethink of this proposed retrieval site, as it has significant and catastrophic shortcomings.

Yours sincerely

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