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**Subject:** Objection to proposed location of the tunnel adjacent to Towns Place Apartments, at the corner of Towns Place & Dalgety Rd Millers Point 2000  
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Dear Director,

Current plans and diagrams appear to show the eastern tunnel will pass very close to or under the north west corner of the Dalgety Road building at Towns Place at a proposed depth of 35 metres as well as containing a 30 metre tolerance to the tunnels final position. We are extremely concerned that our building will be compromised by both noise and vibration from this project.

As our building, Towns Place sits below the terraces on: Dalgety Road (approximately 10 metres above our complex), it seems to us that the tunnelling could be moved a few metres to the west of the proposed plan under the new Barangaroo Park to make use of the extra elevation for the new line to gradually incline to the new Barangaroo Metro station. By doing this it would hopefully alleviate both the vibration and sound impact to our building.

The technicians present at an explanatory meeting on this part of the tunnel on 25th May 2016 were unaware of the 6 level private /public car park below our building which on the current plans could be only 10 metres from the inclining tunnel which is unacceptable.

The proposal indicates the Metro tracks will be steel and so will be the wheels. In this modern age surely best practise would dictate a rubber wheel / track system should be used if the tunnel noise and vibration is going to impact our building. We understand that attenuation is planned for other parts of the track, so we suggest either the tunnel is moved slightly away under Barangaroo Park or attenuation is installed in this area of line from the harbour into the new Barangaroo Station. This would make its operation virtually silent and has been done on the Paris Metro, Montreal and Kobe in recent times.

The proposal for the removal of spoil to a temporary sight under the overhead bridges on Hickson Road appears to include a lot of double handling and congestion, as well as the impact of dust dirt and increased truck traffic 24/7 on Hickson Rd to the detriment of all business and residents alike.

It would appear to us that EIS suggestion at the explanatory meeting on 11 May 2016, that the spoil may be removed by barge, would be a much better option for all residents in the area. surely this could be done from the harbour side of the central Barangaroo site and alleviate all the dust, noise and congestion which would disrupt the whole of Hickson Road 24/7 for a very considerable time.

We trust you will give due consideration to our very real concerns and our practical suggestions to alleviating the problem with a slight realignment of the tunnels under Barangaroo Park which can be easily included in the final design probably without any additional cost.

We declare that we have not made any political donations in the last two years.

Yours faithfully,

Isabel and Paul Wheatley

