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Attn: Director, Infrastructure Projects  
Major Projects Assessments  
Application Number SSI-5100  
Northwest Rail Link- Cheltenham Netball Courts

Dear Sir

I note with great concern that plans are being developed to remove the Cheltenham Netball Courts for a tunnel ventilation shaft and later an emergency exit.

I find your proposal totally unacceptable and am amazed it even reach the framework on an EIA.

I would like the answers to the following questions and if you can't provide them I will raise a formal enquiry through the GIPA Act and the Minister:

Allowing the netball courts have provided an amenity for hundreds of our local youth over decades how is it that, of all places along the route, some bureaucrat decides that a ventilation shaft has to be built on the netball courts? What you have prepared is not an EIA;.....far from it. It is simply a means to an end.

Q1. Removal of the Cheltenham Netball courts in itself is an unacceptable environmental impact. How have you assed the impact? How have you justified the impact?

Q2 What alternative sites were considered for the ventilation shaft?. Clearly they were unacceptable so why were they unacceptable?

Q3 Why is the roadway through the bush considered an option? Who in their right mind would even consider this when access by the M2 is available.

So my question is ....how did you come to the conclusion that the bush access was a viable option to be considered. (If a species impact was requested under a GIPA would it be available?

In summary then :

I object to the vent being place on the Netball Courts. I am convinced you have alternatives that you do not wish to use.

I object to the access being by the bush route when it is very clear that access by the M2 is viable.

I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully



Lawrence Bolton