

I object to the Western Harbour and Beaches Link toll road project for the following reasons:

- 1) public transport options haven't been adequately reviewed. Designing ways to keep more cars on roads as opposed to transport for everyone (students, non drivers, ect) is narrow minded.
- 2) The EIS reported that the tunnels will require over 1 MILLION Litres of water PER DAY (majority potable) to build... this level of waster consumption is outrageous when we continue to be severely impacted by drought.
- 3) The cost of tolls is killing Sydney drivers. I can't drive anywhere these days without encountering a toll. tunnel projects will lock us into more.
- 4) The pollution impact to the thousands of children close to the proposed route is unconscionable. My kids school is within 2 kms of the unfiltered stacks. The EIS confirmed that thousands of children will suffer years of very serious construction impacts and a lifetime of unacceptable pollution levels due to adding more unfiltered stacks and increasing local traffic. Proceeding with this project will make air quality even worse by encouraging more traffic through residential areas already at or above national limits - future health costs will outweigh any benefit.
- 5) The project will require a high level of mitigation due to the need to protect Sydney Harbour, residents along the Warringah Freeway and Middle Harbour from known contaminants such as lead and heavy metals. The route puts workers and residents at risk. The high cost to mitigate could and should be better spent on public transport which if re-routed would achieve far higher congestion benefits at less risk.
- 6) This project destroys hundreds of trees and removes hectares of green space in areas that are already

overcrowded. We need these parks and spaces now more than ever, why go backwards? Destroying places like Flat Rock Gully, a beautiful example of a rehabilitated bushland - old toxic dump which is now a healthy unique wildlife habitat, only to be turned back into a toxic dump. Disgusting!

I feel that instead of sinking billions of dollars into a project that provides no sensible return on investment, we should be investing in clean transport options. Cancel these wasteful toll road projects and direct investment toward projects which will benefit everyone in NSW.