

I object to the Beaches Link EIS in particular the proposed construction site for Flat Rock Gully. As a local Northbridge resident close to the site and frequent walker around the Gully I am very concerned about the environmental impact to Flat Rock Gully, Flat Rock Drive.

Native vegetation (almost 400 trees) and wildlife will be destroyed. Flat Rock Gully is a wildlife corridor and breeding site for many species of birds and animals including the Powerful Owl. Reducing trees reduces bird's habitat and their ability to hunt and nest.

Our local recreation area popular with walkers, cyclists and athletes from all over Sydney will also go. Flat Rock Gully proved a welcome relief from COVID-19 and Lockdown and it's important that we save it and protect it.

The noise and dust levels from the tunnelling and construction site, will heavily impact our local amenity. The impact on local traffic, with trucks constantly entering and exiting the site, will be significant.

The length of the project is estimated at 5-6 years, the cost a mere \$15billion. Given the delays and cost blow outs with other projects, I am worried that this project will be constantly be an ongoing source of disruption to our lives and quality of life with the noise and pollution.

Now I am concerned if we will ever regain access to Flat Rock Gully Reserve and the invaluable serenity it provides.