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To whom it may concern,

The NS14 Association of NSW is the organising body for the NS14 dinghy class, a high-performance skiff that is sailed around Australia but primarily in NSW. The long form of the class name is the Northbridge Senior. The class was conceived, initially tested and refined in the waters off Northbridge Sailing Club, located on the shores of Middle Harbour.

The class has been continuously sailed at Northbridge Sailing Club since its inception in 1960 and is indelibly linked to the local area. The class promotes family sailing and competitive crews can be any combination of male and female adults and children.

The Association is concerned about the long-term impact on our class at Northbridge arising from the construction work required to complete this project, specifically the maritime arrangements related to the undersea tunnel under Upper Middle Harbour.

The impact of the construction work has the potential to reduce the ongoing attractiveness and viability of the fleet at Northbridge Sailing Club due to the significant restriction in open water in which races can be scheduled. This reduction in space may significantly reduce the number of sailors seeking to sail there (already restricted due to the challenging stairs access). New navigation restrictions also seem set to affect the Association's ability to conduct regattas in the waters off Northbridge Sailing Club, such as our Metropolitan Trophy heat which has in the past included Northbridge Sailing Club as a venue. The length of construction also indicates that no less than four sailing seasons will be negatively affected – a duration that may see class membership and active sailors decline and be difficult to draw back.

We therefore urge the NSW government to assist Northbridge Sailing Club in any way they can to minimise the negative effects that will impact on the club from this project to help ensure that the class continues its proud tradition of sailing in the local waters. Such support could come in many forms that would serve to continue to make the club an attractive sailing location, notwithstanding the impact of navigation restrictions during construction.

Signed,



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