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Northbridge 2063

## **Northern Beaches Tunnel Link**

I refer to the above project and object to the loss of 7.29 hectares of green space by using Flat Rock Gully as the main dive site and storage and maintenance site for the Northern Beaches Tunnel link. Tunks Park and Flat Rock Gully are two of the very few green spaces available to local community members for exercise. I have lived in Northbridge for 19 years and I walk through Tunks Park and Flat Rock Gully on a regular basis. Flat Rock Gully is a beautiful serene place to relax and is frequented daily by walkers of all ages from children and families walking their dogs to elderly walking groups enjoying the flora and fauna. In the current climate of COVID this green space is crucial to our local community for their health and emotional and mental wellbeing. Flat Rock Gully will be turned into a an unuseable wasteland with no access for anyone other than the operators of the building project.

, I also object to the high unmitigated risk of the disturbance of contaminated sediments during marine activities. The marine water quality impacts will be high during construction of the tunnel and I would like to know how this is being mitigated. Northbridge Baths and Northbridge Sailing Club are used all year round by the community. The Baths in particular will be unuseable once the dredging starts. So that will be another avenue of pleasure cut off for the local community.

My third objection to this project is the transportation of spoil and the number of truck movements each day. The number of truck movements planned is staggering and during school drop off and pickup times will add to more congestion on local streets than we already have. These heavy trucks also add an increased risk to children going to and from school during the week and on Saturdays when they are travelling to their sporting grounds. I work at a local primary school and I would request that the truck movements are at least halted between the hours of 7.30am-9.30am and between 2.30pm-4.30pm Monday to Friday and between 7.30am-2.30pm on Saturdays.

I hope you will take the many objections that will have been raised by this project into account and mitigate against the risks.

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