



26 February 2021

Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (via online submission portal)

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Beaches Link Tunnel, Balgowlah Connection

Letter from the School Advisory Council of St Kieran's Catholic Primary School, Manly Vale in support of the Submission from the St Cecilia's Catholic School Advisory Committee and the impact on St Kieran's, Manly Vale.

St Kieran's Catholic Primary School covers the suburbs of Allambie, Allambie Heights, North Balgowlah, Beacon Hill, Brookvale, Manly Vale and North Manly.

This letter is in response to the call for submissions in regards to the development of the Beaches Link Tunnel and its impact on our school, St Kieran's Manly Vale. We draw attention to two major areas of concern and related issues:

A. Some important matters that do not appear to have been considered adequately in the Environmental Impact Statement.

- 1) The EIS does not acknowledge the existence of **St Kieran's School** nor **St Cecilia's School**, places of education.
- 2) This omission is highlighted in the Northern Beaches Council Submission where specific mention is made of project traffic impact on local government primary and secondary schools but no mention of either St Cecilia's School or **St Kieran's School (Manly Vale)** which are located in the general project area. St Cecilia's School is around 220 metres southeast of the proposed link road and in close proximity to the tunnel ventilation outlet. While **St Kieran's School** is further away, it is not far from Manly Vale Public School and **closer** than Mackellar Girls High School, both of which are listed in project documentation.

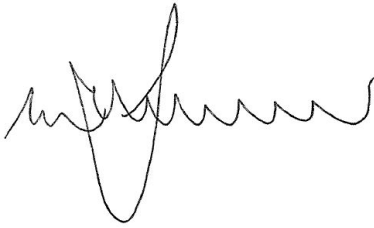
B. The anticipated impact on the operation of St Kieran's School.

While we anticipate that the NSW Government Authority responsible for the project and the Northern Beaches Council will make every effort to minimize inconvenience to the local community during the lengthy construction phase, we believe that the following matters deserve special attention:

- 1) Air quality – Both during the construction phase and after completion, air quality is likely to be a major issue, potentially reaching unsafe levels, depending on wind direction. Will the air quality in the Manly Vale area, particularly around St Kieran's School, be affected during the construction period due to the movement of trucks on and off the Burnt Bridge Deviation? Will there be monitoring of air quality during this time **and** following the completion of the project?

2) Traffic Congestion – traffic along Condamine Street will increase due to the movement of trucks during construction phase. Trucks servicing the construction zone will need to be “held” in a waiting zone during this time, potentially impacting Condamine Street. How will this be managed in terms of impact on traffic entering and exiting King Street and Gordon Street, especially during peak school times?

The School Advisory Council of St Kieran’s looks forward to a response to our correspondence.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Gallagher', with a large, stylized initial 'M'.

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