

28 February 2021

Dear Sir / Madam

I am making a personal submission to object to the Beaches Link EIS due to the following reasons:

1. Sydney needs better public transport infrastructure, not toll roads, and the money set aside to fund construction should be used to fund a Northern Beaches train line rather than the proposed toll road;
2. The construction entry point of the proposed tunnel at Flat Rock Gully will have a significant negative impact on the surrounding Pyalla St area where my family lives for an extended period (6+ years):
  - Air pollution, including potentially carcinogenic fine dust particles like asbestos and hazardous chemicals from old dump sites, will be generated from both tunnel construction and vehicles transporting materials to and from the construction site, causing potential health issues for my family. In addition, when complete the projects 4 unfiltered smoke stacks will pour toxic fumes into the local environment near schools, playing fields and homes;
  - Noise pollution, from both tunnel drilling and vehicles entering / leaving the construction site, will be a permanent 24/7 issue causing further potential stress and health related issues for my family;
  - Vibrations, caused by tunnelling underneath the local area, will potentially cause damage to homes in the area, including my own on Pyalla St;
  - Traffic in the local area will increase significantly causing potential road safety issues, with the ~90 trucks per hour entering / leaving the construction site together with construction workers vehicles putting further strain on an area that already has unsustainably high traffic flows, in particular during school pick up and peak hour periods;
  - Parking will significantly worsen, with trucks and workers at the construction site using local residential streets, already clogged with city commuter and Northbridge Plaza worker vehicles, as parking lots to access the Flat Rock Gully site;
  - Property prices in the local area will be significantly devalued due to the air and noise pollution, potential damage to homes cause by vibrations, traffic and parking issues over the duration of the construction period; and

- Destruction of the Flat Rock Gully ecosystem, with the removal of ~390 trees, washing of contaminated water down Flat Rock Creek and clearing of a significant land area covering ~10,000 square metres, destroying the local environment incorporating many native fauna and flora species and enjoyed by locals;
3. Local sports fields and amenities, including Willoughby Leisure Centre, Bicentennial Reserve Oval, Flat Rock Gully Reserve and Tunks Park will be unavailable for use during construction due to the site covering a significant area, combined with physical safety, air pollution and noise related issues forcing closing of adjacent facilities;
  4. Lack of transparency / accountability justifying the Beaches Link Tunnel's benefits, with no business case disclosed to the community or analysis completed for alternate options including the Northern Beaches to Chatswood Metro; and
  5. Whilst not currently proposed, there is a material risk that a smoke stack will be permanently located at the Flat Rock Gully site on completion of the tunnel, causing potential long term health issues for my family from air pollution.

The Northern Beaches tunnel is not the infrastructure solution that Sydney needs, and my local community will suffer significantly during construction with no short or long term benefits if the proposed tunnel goes ahead.

I sincerely hope that you act in the best interest of the community and stop the Northern Beaches tunnel. However, if the tunnel does go ahead, to minimise impacts on local residential communities, I ask that you work with the RMS to move the proposed excavation entry point at Flat Rock Gully to the Artarmon Industrial area.

Yours sincerely

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