

Beaches Link Tunnel

Recently the Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations (FWPA) resolved to oppose the Beaches Link Tunnel until such time as:

1. the Business Case is released for public consideration;
2. the need for the project, and its superiority over public transport alternatives, has been demonstrated by way of a transparent process involving informed public engagement and consultation, noting that the EIS process has to date failed to properly evaluate the relative merits of such public transport alternatives.

The Federation consists of seven (7) local Progress Association that represent residents across the Willoughby LGA. They meet regularly to discuss and act upon shared issues.

Delegates claimed that so far, there has been no demonstration of the need for the project. There is great concern regarding the environmental impact during construction, and FWPA is calling for a transparent process involving informed public engagement and consultation, noting that, among other important aspects, the EIS process has to date failed to evaluate the relative merits of public transport initiatives, whilst no Business Case has been provided for the project.

Other concerns being raised by FWPA delegates relate to the effects of dredging in Middle Harbour, vibrations due to tunnelling under Northbridge and Naremburn and the impact on traffic to and from the CBD, with many heavy trucks moving into and out of the “dive site” adjacent to Flat Rock Drive.

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