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To whom it may concern,

Support of Northbridge Sailing Club from Impacts of Northern Beaches Link Tunnel Construction

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

The Tasar Association of New South Wales is the organising authority for the Tasar dinghy class in New South Wales, a high-performance dinghy that is sailed around Australia and internationally, recognised as a World Class by World Sailing. The dinghy was conceived, designed, tested and refined in the waters of Northbridge Sailing Club and has been continuously sailed at Northbridge Sailing Club since inception.

The construction works and proposed maritime arrangements will reduce the ongoing attractiveness and viability of the fleet at Northbridge Sailing Club, and in turn significantly reduce the sailors willing to sail there. It is worth noting the Tasar sailors of Northbridge Sailing Club, currently include the National Champions, 2 of the top ten (2nd & 7th) crews in the last World Championships, numerous current NSW Regional and State trophy holders – plus 5 volunteers that are committed to the ongoing success of our association.

The works will also affect the Association's ability to conduct regattas in the waters off Northbridge Sailing Club, specifically our state-wide Traveller's Trophy heat which includes Northbridge as a venue each year, and is the venue every second year of the Bethwaite Memorial Trophy in honour of Frank Bethwaite, the designer of the Tasar (and for whom Bethwaite Lane, the club's address, is named).

We therefore urge the NSW government to assist Northbridge Sailing Club in any way they can to minimise the effect on the club and compensate for the remaining effects in order to maintain the long-term health of our sport. Specifically, in regard to the location of relocated moorings that will significantly affect the sailable area, akin to planting trees on the SCG.

Yours sincerely,

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