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The Honourable Rob Stokes
Minister for Planning Industry and Environment
4 Parramatta Square, 12 Darcy Street,
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150

Dear Sir

**OBJECTION TO STATE SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE APPLICATION NO.
SSI-8862
BEACHES LINK AND GORE HILL FREEWAY CONNECTION**

I refer to the above State Significant Infrastructure Application and am voicing my concern and objection to the NSW State Government rushing through their decision to proceed with their design for the Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection which will have significant environmental, traffic and health impacts.

Loss of public open (green) space

- The destruction of Balgowlah Golf course and Balgowlah oval for the duration of construction and beyond will have a significant impact on the area and reduce the public open (green) space.
- The height of the stack in Balgowlah will have significant adverse visual impacts for the whole of the area given that other than Stockland there is nothing else of the same height in the area.
- Vital urban bushland, in Balgowlah, Seaforth, Flat Rock Creek and Middle Harbour will be lost both during construction and following construction.

Environmental impacts

- The destruction of Burnt Bridge Creek will be devastating most importantly to the local wildlife but also to the local residents.
- The destruction of around 12ha of bushland in order to widen Wakehurst Parkway is unacceptable.

Air quality

- The proximity of the air stacks to schools and homes both in the Northern Beaches and the North Sydney area is unacceptable.
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- The lack of filtering of the air from the stacks is also unacceptable.

Traffic impacts

- Rat runs will be created along Wanganella, Rickard, West and Maritemo Streets and other streets leading to Sydney Road during construction as commuters try to avoid the construction and will continue following construction as commuters then try to avoid using a toll road.
- The idea that as noted in the EIS that it will save up to 38 minutes from Balgowlah to Sydney CBD is hard to fathom. Currently it takes 45 minutes in peak hour so it can't possibly be that following construction it will take 7 minutes from Balgowlah to the Sydney CBD.

This application will not help to resolve traffic congestion and will have devastating environmental, health and social impacts.

I believe that the impacts far outweigh the benefits, and for this reason strongly object to the design.

Yours faithfully,

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