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Dear Northern Beaches Council,

I am writing to object to the proposed Northern Beaches Tunnel. I have continued being in a state of anxiety since I first found out about this project in early 2018. I am mortified that the council has been almost silent on this matter, with no documentation to their residents on what we can do to mitigate such a disaster coming to our area, and very little information to residents on what Council is doing for their residents.

I object to this tunnel being built for the following reasons.

1. Project too expensive. No alternative options to alleviate Northern Beaches Traffic have been thoroughly investigated by NSW government.
2. I object that we will be paying Tolls for a road that goes nowhere.
3. I object that the government is not taking climate change into account, and continue to build antiquated road highways that pollute our environment, spewing carcinogens into our air.
4. I object that this road tunnel will cause catastrophic traffic in my local area. It clearly stated in the EIS that the traffic will significantly increase in my street (Rickard St):

7.6.4 Road network changes and access arrangements

At its eastern end, the project would connect to Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation at Balgowlah, south of the Kitchener Street bridge. This would include a two-lane southbound on ramp and a three-lane northbound off ramp.

Local road changes would be required to integrate the project with the existing road network. This would involve:

- A new access road in Balgowlah, providing local access and connectivity to the new open space and recreation facilities and connecting to the tunnel portals/Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation and Sydney Road. The new access road would accommodate travel in either direction
- A new intersection with traffic signals connecting the new access road with Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation and the tunnel portals adjacent to the northern end of Dudley Street. This would include right turn lanes into the new access road from the Beaches Link off ramp, and left turn lanes out of the new access road to the Beaches Link on ramp and Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation southbound. Non-tunnel northbound traffic on Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation would bypass these traffic signals.
- A new signalised intersection would be provided at the southern end of the new access road to accommodate its connection with Sydney Road. Traffic movements north-south (and vice versa) through the intersection between Maretime Street and the access road would not be permitted. The new intersection would include a pedestrian crossing across the new access road on the northern side of Sydney Road. Pedestrian connectivity between the new open space and recreation facilities, the Northern Beaches Secondary College – Balgowlah Boys Campus and Maretime Street would be provided via the existing pedestrian bridge to the west of the new access road and would continue to provide north-south connectivity for pedestrians in the area. Pedestrian connectivity across Sydney Road to and from Maretime Street would not be provided at the intersection
- Relocating the existing cul-de-sac at Dudley Street further south to accommodate construction of the new tunnel portals and the associated realignment of Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation.

Relatively low impacts are anticipated due to the relocation of the cul-de-sac on Dudley Street, given the minimal number of properties that would be impacted by the change, which would remain accessible from Dudley Street.

Surface connections at Balgowlah would attract traffic demand from both east and west of Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation. The additional traffic from North Balgowlah could travel via Kitchener Street to access the new access road from Sydney Road east. This could increase traffic volumes on local roads between Kitchener Street and Sydney Road, unless local area traffic management is also put in place to minimise increased traffic on local roads. Local area traffic management on Wanganella Street, Rickard Street and West Street would result in traffic demand using Woodland Street and Condamine Street instead, which is more appropriate to the function of these roads. Local traffic management measures proposed would be discussed further and agreed with Northern Beaches Council during detailed design.

5. I object that the NSW government is clearing so many trees to build an antiquated road tunnel for single car use.
6. I object that the NSW government is building this tunnel so they can just sell it off to Transurban (possibly deals have already been done) in order to claim the northern beaches toll market.
7. I object that the NSW government is only building this tunnel so that they can push for mass development in our area, which would only make more money for toll operators.
8. I object that as soon as this tunnel is built it will become obsolete, and gridlocked as all motorways of Sydney are.
9. I object that our waterways will become polluted as a result of this tunnel. Manly Dam, Burnt Creek, Middle Harbour, Clontarf, Queenscliff and North Steyne beaches will all suffer.
10. I object that this tunnel will cause massive noise pollution to residents including myself as a result of increased traffic noise, and during the 7 years they are building it, with mass heavy double bogie trucks at all times 24/7 driving through our area, creating mass noise and air pollution, whilst damaging our local roads, and environment.
11. I object that there will more than 1000 employees of companies building the tunnel that will clog up our streets with their vehicles, at all times of day 24/7. Taking valuable street parking. Our streets are already clogged up with our own vehicles. Causing noise pollution, and possibly trashing our area.

I am utterly disgusted that our council wants such a road tunnel, and have been very vague with responding to us the residents.

If this tunnel is approved, as a start, I will be sending Council an **invoice** to pay to change my windows to triple glazed windows for my entire house.

Yours sincerely,
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