

As residents of Pickworth Avenue in Balgowlah, we object to the Western Harbour Tunnel Beaches Link Environmental Impact Statement. We object to the concept of a Motorway opening straight into a residential area and large green space and in particular the proposed impact on the residents of Pickworth Avenue, Balgowlah.

The current plan is unacceptable for us as residents who will face the eastern boundary of the Balgowlah Construction Support Site for an unknown number of years and will live 100-200 metres from the exhaust stack. Ours is a very special street with a strong community of long-standing residents. It is half a block long in a quiet cul de sac with homes only on one side. On the other side of the street is the expansive natural outlook of Balgowlah Oval and Balgowlah Golf Course with undulating topography, hundreds of mature trees and a grass oval surrounded by a picket fence.

Transport for NSW and the Liberal Party have a moral imperative to protect Pickworth Avenue from the documented HIGH rating of loss of amenity and change to living environment that is currently detailed in the EIS. The description of mitigation measures if the project goes ahead is not nearly clear or specific enough in its scope or timing. There is no visibility of project timing and when our concerns can be adequately addressed. A project and time management plan is required to adequately consult and inform our community group to address and manage the impacts.

Our group asks you to modify and improve the design to articulate more specifically how and when you will protect Pickworth Avenue residents.

Pickworth Avenue residents require:

- adequate consultation on, and implementation of, mitigation measures to meet the unique needs of each resident to their individual satisfaction (in scope, timing, communications) eg
 - re-housing during construction
 - noise walls and major plantings of mature trees/landscaping mounds for full screening along the eastern edge of the site starting way before construction phase to allow growth time before constructing a 4 lane Access Road and 12 lanes at Burnt Creek Deviation
 - ensuring the Access Road is deep enough for no new noise and no visibility of vehicles or night lighting/headlights
 - moving the Access Road further west along the western side of Balgowlah Oval to ensure room is kept for the existing mature trees to stay along Balgowlah Oval and for adding a noise wall and road safety barriers/enbankments along the oval
 - at-property treatments including but not limited to double-glazing and air conditioning with associated ongoing operation and maintenance costs

- the option to be bought out if desired (at an agreed amount that is above market value and selling costs combined in order to be able to buy an equivalent property in the area)
 - correcting the wording in the EIS that says we back onto the green space. We front onto it.
- individualised mitigation measures to be agreed and in place very early on before construction to alleviate mental health impacts on residents
- regular reviews of, and changes to, both street and individual mitigation measures that continue throughout the years of construction and throughout the development stage of the recreation site
- to have no proximity to any visual, noise, vibration impacts from proposed new car parks, amenities blocks, exhaust stacks, construction equipment or any other built structures, whether in pre-construction, construction, operational or recreation development stages. Move the proximity of these structures away from us and/or block them out to also;
- have no physical or mental health impact on residents from the project including but not limited to dust/chemical/particulate exposure, stress from unduly needing to address non-compliance of motorway activities both during construction and years into operation of the project, nervous system stress from sensory exposure
- no access to Pickworth Avenue for any parking that is related to the project and design
- full existing access to parking by residents
- full and fair opportunity for involvement of our group as key stakeholders from the very beginning and throughout the consultation process for the proposed design of the recreation space
- keeping all trees that are north and east of the proposed Access Road on Balgowlah Golf Course unaffected and suitably protected

Yours sincerely,

The Concerned Residents of Pickworth Avenue, Balgowlah