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To whom it may concern,

For a 25 year old resident of the lower Northern beaches, and as someone who has been born in, and grown up in the local area I do believe that improvement of infrastructure is important and necessary to the changing requirements of the local economy and population. However, within the current predicted timeframe, extreme environmental implications, as well as financial, social and community effects will be incurred if the project goes ahead as planned and will severely impact many aspects of our day to day lives. For the five to seven years that the tunnel will be under construction, our homes, community activities, access to emergency services, and current accessibility to current employment for thousands of families who live in and love this area will be severely impacted.

Over the next five to seven years, I would love to raise my family here in Balgowlah, as well as continue working in my current job in Glebe and enjoy the various and large amount of community activities currently available in my local area. But with the prospect of tunnel construction, isolation due to road closures, rerouting of access points to different areas on and off the Northern Beaches as well as increased pollution and impact on local environment, my family's future on the Northern Beaches does not look that same. Severely increased travel time to get onto the Spit Bridge in order to get to work will hugely impact the day to day life and wellbeing of myself, many of my relatives and friends, and countless other residents. In the other direction to travel north, I am extremely concerned that there will be delays on Wakehurst Parkway due to new traffic control and trucks entering the roadway every minute, impacting thousands of people's access to the only Northern Beaches hospital and essential lifesaving services.

As mentioned, adapting infrastructure is important to service the needs of the population. Therefore, I ask that you may consider also the clearer and thoughtful staging of the project to take into account the lives of the residents that you are trying to serve. We do like change to be fast and impactful, however if the repercussions for a whole generation of young families, the natural environment they would like to preserve for their children and the lives they have worked, and are working to uphold is not taken into consideration how best can be served while the project is ongoing?

Please consider the communities, parents, friends and children who will live within the day to day building, digging, trucking of waste, dust, deterioration of green spaces, increased traffic, night works, noise pollution, asset decline, and expense of wellbeing.

Kindest regards,

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