

As a resident of Neutral Bay I object to the WHT and NBT as we will gain NO benefit from these tunnel projects that severely impact our community during the 5-6 years of construction and the aftermath after the projects.

In preparing a response to the cumulative effect of both projects in the exhibited EIS for the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade, it seems that the relentless push to bring more cars into the city and surrounding suburbs close to the city needs to be re-examined. A proper and thorough study needs to be conducted for more reliable and efficient public transport options.

A delay in the commencement of both the WHT and NBT project until the Metro line through North Sydney and Crows Nest to Chatswood is completed, up and running and fully tested. Further more, the B-Line bus project is a major success and should also be fully expanded and tested further.

Such a delay would allow time for these two projects to take full effect whilst exploring even further expansion of public transport options. The State Government needs to provide a full and comprehensive cost analysis for public transport options.

I object to both the WHT and NBT on the grounds of the enormous risk factors associated with the increase in pollution in our area. The lower north shore has numerous schools, pre-schools and day care facilities all within close proximity to these tunnels. 43.5 km of polluting road pumping out of stacks near and around Cammeray, Crows Nest, Naremburn, Neutral Bay and Willoughby, pollution will impact between 500 metres and 3 km away. Medical professionals have advised that there are likely to be long-term health impacts on 9,000 children in preschool and school in the immediate area.

On other grounds to object to the WHT and NBT is because of the recent devastation last summer due to drought and bushfires in our rural communities. These regional areas affected in NSW and beyond need taxpayer funds to help rebuild their lives, stock, farms and communities. They will need years of support and assistance.

In the same vein, the recent outbreak of COVID19 (Coronavirus) in Australia and indeed the world, will have catastrophic effects on our economy and \$20+ billion will go a long way in helping very needy families, small businesses, local manufacturers, medical supplies and much more.

In summary this proposed project is not at all viable and will cost the earth to produce what? poor air quality, noise, pollution, further congestion, more greenhouse emissions, loss of green space. The government should be looking at public transport solution that is the way of the future.