*Attention: Director, Transport Assessments*

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**Objection: Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade - SSI-8863**

I write to express my objection to the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade. I have done my best to read the extensive EIS documents at this very difficult time. I have significant concerns about the justification for this project particularly given that there is no published business case, it is not high on Infrastructure Australia’s priority list and that the EIS demonstrates a significant risk to health and safety while delivering poor outcomes.

Firstly, I object to this project continuing to be placed on exhibition during the COVID-19 Crisis. This project impacts the largest precinct of schools in Australia and passes through highly residential areas. Families, community groups and schools have been under a huge amount of strain throughout the exhibition stage. Meetings have had to be cancelled and we have been social distancing as instructed. Trying to read these documents has created more anxiety. The project should be re-exhibited well after the COVID-19 crisis has passed and when normal life returns.

Secondly, I object to the project due to the poor climate and sustainability outcomes and the negative impact on our precious waterways and green spaces.

* Add some detail about how this will impact you and your local area (start each point with “I object to x because xx”) using the additional information provided in the submission guides (choose as many or as few as you like) Form letters will be counted as one submission so please personalise as much as possible (even the prompts above). Include mitigations if you know what you would like to see, if not just state the issue.

Thirdly, I object to the project due to the poor Traffic and Congestion outcomes.

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Lastly, the construction and operational risks are far too high for residents and school children along the route

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This project is a missed opportunity to transform Sydney into a world class, healthy and sustainable city with a strong public transport system. I would ask that an alternative public transport feasibility study be published before any further planning occurs so that impacts and outcomes can be fairly compared.

Yours sincerely,

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