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Willoughby City Council
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Attention: Mayor Gail

Dear Gail,

Council's Submission to the WHT EIS

I note that Council is due to vote on WCC's submission to the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade this evening.

Like Council, CPA is very concerned about the adverse consequences for our local roads and centres, which have been identified in the draft submission.

One of our Committee members, John Moratelli, has been following this issue for some time now and has taken the trouble to review and make comments on Council's draft submission (see attached). The CPA Committee wishes to endorse thoroughly, John's comments.

Given the specific adverse impacts, that were identified in the draft submission, and other known consequences for WCC residents, we do not believe it is acceptable for such a motorway project to proceed in the absence of a rigorous consideration of alternatives. Such consideration is an Environmental Assessment Requirement but it has not occurred here, as has been made clear by Mr Moratelli's comments and by the objection lodged by North Sydney Council.

These consequences include:

- increased air pollution from additional traffic;
- substantial loss of green space;
- the additional traffic on local roads as identified in the draft submission;
- the destruction of the character of local centres as identified in the draft submission
- contamination risks from dredging of the harbour floor.

CPA believes that the project's objectives could be much more effectively addressed by a public transport solution rather than a new motorway. One significant option might be a trackless tram running between Chatswood CBD and Dee Why. We are not aware of any consideration being given to this or other public transport solutions.

Yours faithfully



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Cc The Mayor, Ward Councillors, Chief Executive Officer

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