

Submission on the Independent Review of the F3 to M7 Corridor selection

I submit:

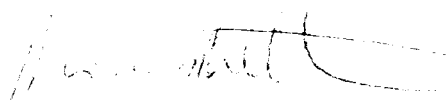
- 1) That the assumptions and data used in the Orbital Link Study in 2004 were invalid and unreasonable.

The data collected was inadequate because the residents of Wahroonga and the suburbs north were not adequately canvassed for their views. The report seems to assume that there is very little impact from traffic once it reaches the F3. It makes no mention of the hundreds of houses which run alongside or near the freeway. (See the Google Map attached.) Nor does the study reconsider that the noise impact of the freeway on the surrounding suburbs is magnified because the first few kilometers of the F3 run down a valley.

As Wahroonga residents, my family and I are badly affected by the noise from the freeway. Our neighbours around Coonanbarra/Burns Rd have also mentioned that they find the noise distressing. Some of those living on Coonanbarra Rd and closer to the freeway cannot leave their windows open at night because the noise has become so invasive. The roar of trucks, the exhaust fumes and the unusual amount of particulate matter deposited on outdoor surfaces are all matters of grave concern.

It worries me that the report gives much more consideration to potential disruption to flora and fauna in the Berowra Creek area than to the adverse effect on those who live near the F3. Because an increase in usage is anticipated as a result of building this tunnel and a widening of the F3 will be needed, our problems in Wahroonga will be exacerbated.

- 2) The Type A corridor favoured by the report is a short-term solution to a very narrowly defined problem. It will definitely improve amenity to the residents along and near Pennant Hills Rd, but that improvement will be gained at Wahroonga's expense.
- 3) Huge increases in traffic in the north-west of Sydney in the last 2 – 3 years would significantly change projections made in the report and if considered would give greater support to the choice of a Type B corridor.
- 4) At the very least, please consider an extension of the tunnel to run underneath the existing F3 from Pennant Hills Rd almost to Ku-ring-gai National Park. This would enormously increase the benefit of choosing the Type A corridor.



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