

Submission Cover Sheet

West Gate Tunnel Project IAC

Sub no:

177

Request to be heard?: Yes

Full Name: MARIO XERRI

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Affected property:

Attachment: AA_MARIO_XERRI

Comments: Refer attached file

To whom it may concern:

The New West gate Tunnel, while supporting the overall concept, is a floored design and when completed will make Life unbearable for people like myself living in Brooklyn/ Altona North / Newport / **Spotswood and South Kingsville/ Newport** areas at the expense of Yarraville / Footscray due to excess noise poor in air quality and a massive increase in heavy truck and commercial vehicles using alternative local roads and streets to avoid the toll: Without a 24hr Truck Curfews on both Blackshaws and Melbourne / Williamstown's Roads and Surrounding streets in our area (Newport / Spotswood and South Kingsville), all the trucks will start using these roads as a short cut and way of avoiding the Tolls: I find this very unfair, all the Greens and Yuppies who live in Yarraville / Seddon / West Footscray have fought tooth and nail to get trucks off / out of Francis street and Somerville roads, however we don't have a similar proposed truck ban in place for our area: This will end up being a disaster for local residents! Why should the trucks / cars avoiding the tolls be pushed / funnelled onto our area / roads to appease them? One side of the proposed tunnel / freeway (the Northern side) is being looked after at the expense of the South side(Newport / Spotswood / Sth Kingsville) I don't believe the "monitoring of traffic numbers is sufficient: The ban needs to be there Day one!

The proposed Noise barriers also need to cover the new proposed park area near the railway lines in South Kingsville, since the new road noise will be carried by the wind under certain conditions and additional trees need to be planted. I also think all those residents living right near the freeway and construction zones (Say those within 1.5KM), should have some form of Government or developer assistance to help the upgrade their Windows to double glazing standard to help offset the additional Noise that will result from larger traffic volumes: This can be built into the project cost and recovered via the road tolls: It could be as simple as a few thousand \$ per house limited to say 4-5 windows and would help reduce the impact of the additional traffic Noise as I don't believe barriers alone will do much! A previous example was when the federal Govt provided assistance to residents living near Sydney Airport with the supply and installation of additional Noise abatement e.g. installation of Double Glazed Glass and additional noise insulation) The cost would be minimal in comparison to the cost of the entire project and should be built into the project cost.

I also think there needs to be a lot more of the additional trees planted along the routes, new parks and existing west gate freeway and the proposed number of additional trees that are to be planted are not sufficient and needs significant improvement and early planting: Those residents living closer to the road should have additional trees planted in their front nature strips / front yards as a form of environmental compensation. Also those living in the immediate vicinity (Homes bordering the actual freeway) should have the option of selling their homes back to the Government if they so wish and the vacant houses converted to additional Green space / parks

The west gate widening is also going to result in a new bottle neck and reduced inbound and outbound lanes to and from the west gate bridge, since we will have a reduction from the current 4 lanes to 3 lanes (since the lane separation for the tunnel steals a lane in each direction! The traffic will flow slowly / in a slow start manner resulting in lots of diesel fumes from trucks

I urge you to heed these points and reconsider both the design, the lack of traffic bans in our areas and the need for Govt. assistance re the upgrade their Windows to double glazing standard to help offset the additional Noise.

Please feel free to call me to discuss or have one of your staff do so

Thankyou Mario Xerri



MIN031977



Re: Please take note Re proposed West gate Tunnel project

Richard Wynne to: Mario Xerri

26/06/2017 11:55 AM

Sent by: [Redacted]

Dear Mr Xerri

Thank you for your email to the Minister for Planning, the Hon Richard Wynne MP. Minister Wynne appreciates the time you have taken to express your views and our office will process your correspondence at our earliest convenience. In the meantime, if you have any queries about this matter please contact the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning Customer Service Centre on 1300 366 356 (select option 4) to be provided with contact details for an appropriate planning officer.



Regards

Office of the Minister for Planning
[Redacted]

Mario Xerri

Dear Minister Wynne I am constituent of the I...

23/06/2017 04:31:05 PM

From: [Redacted]

To: [Redacted]

Date:

23/06/2017 04:31 PM

Subject:

Please take note Re proposed West gate Tunnel project

Dear Minister Wynne I am constituent of the Inner west and have voted for Labour in the past:

There are a few issues in your I would like your help on and urge you to consider the implications since I don't want the Liberals back in power at the next election: It relates to the proposed West gate Tunnel project:

1. The New West gate Tunnel: While I support the concept, it's a floored design and also the concept of extending the City Link Concession for a further 10 years for all the other associated / existing City link roads after they were due to expire will **be Political Poison** and will generate such a voter backlash that you will lose lots of seats at the next election! You cant extend their monopoly, and only the new components should be tolled and should not extend tolling on the likes of the Tullamarine and Monash to help subsidise city link: This is insane and the state opposition and greens will have a field day exploiting this! You either need to chip in more \$\$ yourselves (i.e. the GOVT) so that the existing city-link Tolls will not be extended or have the project funded by Super funds who will be happy to accept a 5% Return on Investment, similar to a Govt Bond, rather than those city link practices who want a Risk Free 20% Return on Investment for a monopoly toll road! Why should they get such a great deal after they were paid a billion \$\$ for the other contract for the east west tunnel that was torn up (You should have paid them costs only!)
2. **When completed there are a few things that I think will make Like unbearable for people like myself living in Brooklyn / Newport / Spotswood and South Kingsville/ Newport areas at the expense of Yarraville / Footscray:**

Without Identical 24hr Truck Curfews on both Blackshaws and Melbourne / Williamstown's Roads and Surrounding streets in our area (Newport / Spotswood and South Kingsville), all the trucks will start using these roads as a short cut and way of avoiding the Tolls: I find this very unfair, all the Greens and Yuppies who live in Yarraville / Seddon / have fought tooth and nail to get trucks off / out Francis street and Somerville roads Yarraville / West Footscray, however we don't have a similar proposed truck ban in place for our area: This will end up being a disaster for local residents! Why should the trucks / cars avoiding the tolls be pushed on our area / roads to appease them? I don't believe the "monitoring of traffic number is sufficient: The ban needs to be there Day one!

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Thankyou

Mario Xerri

