

Request to be heard?: Yes

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Comments: The Westgate tunnel project will significantly disadvantage residents in the inner western suburbs due to 3 main reasons: 1. Extra peak hour commute time and reduced family time - There are only two arterial roads for inner west residents to access Melbourne's CBD; Footscray Road and Dynon Road. The Westgate tunnel project will force thousands of extra cars onto both Footscray and Dynon Roads which will add significant travel times to peak hour commuters from as far as Williamstown and Sunshine. Both Footscray and Dynon Roads are already congested and the local roads within North Melbourne, West Melbourne and Docklands will not be able to cope with the significant volume of extra vehicles. This project in effect is creating another Eastern Freeway/Hoddle Street scenario with significant traffic build up as it has no where to go. Hoddle Street is the most congested street in all of Melbourne for this very reason. The Westgate tunnel is a dead end. 2. Quality of life - Yarraville Gardens is the only quality area of public open space within Yarraville, Seddon and Kingsville. Additional air and noise pollution from the Westgate tunnel project will jeprodise the quality and experience of the open space. The extra public open space areas proposed next to the Northern Portal will not in anyway compensate for the detrimental impact to Yarraville Gardens. The proposed public open space next to this major infrastructure project has a low amenity value and does not provide an ambient environment which is most desperately needed for the growing inner west community. Air Quality in the inner west is already the worst in Melbourne. Tunnel vent stacks close to established residential areas will further degrade air quality within the community.3. Construction traffic compromising community safety - Construction traffic will significantly exasperate the truck problem on residential roads. Thousands of extra trucks will operate within our community during the duration of the project. We need to limit the amount of trucks, not increase them.The Westgate tunnel project is not a viable solution for alleviating traffic from the Westgate freeway. West Link was the only viable solution as it would have connected the Western and Eastern freeways which would have removed a significant amount of traffic from the Westgate freeway. The Westgate tunnel project will be the worst infrastructure project ever undertaken in Victoria. It has absolutely no benefit to residents within the inner west and should not go ahead. The money would be better spent on Public Transport and the canned West Link project. Daniel Andrews has already wasted over \$1.1 billion of Victorian tax payers money.