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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing to thank Councillors for their unanimous support of the motion passed at the Council meeting on 12 November in relation to the proposed Beaches Link/Western Harbour Tunnel proposal. We are anticipating that the Council report in preparation will provide residents with a critical evaluation of the RMS project and that it will garner the advice of specialist consultants in this field if necessary. WEPA would be happy to assist in the preparation of the report by providing information from our own research.

At the last general meeting of the Willoughby Environmental Protection Association (WEPA) on 20 November our members and others from the local community discussed the car tunnels proposal in detail. As a result the following resolution was passed unanimously:

WEPA RESOLUTION – 20 November

We resolve that we object to the proposed route and construction sites for the Western Harbour Tunnel and Northern Beaches link. We oppose the proposals to either destroy the bushland at Flat Rock Gully or to create a construction site on nearby playing fields. The proposed tunnels introduce unacceptable and ongoing risks to our community in relation to road safety and air, road and noise pollution without addressing the basic causes of traffic congestion on our roads. We would ask Willoughby City Council to relay our concerns to the NSW Government and ask that it halt the Beaches Link/Western Harbour Tunnel project until such time as it has released a business case which considers all transport options including public transport options and consulted with affected communities in relation to that business case.

The resolution above echoes the sentiments of the many hundreds of local residents we have spoken to over the last month or more in Bicentennial Reserve; between 80 – 90% have signed the petition calling for this project to be stopped and reviewed.

We hope that Council, following its report, would advocate on behalf of residents, including if necessary calling a stop to the project as proposed and for its review in light of public transport alternatives.

Regards

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