



**Minutes of the General Meeting held on Monday 15 February 2021 at 6.30pm  
at Northbridge Golf Club**

<b>Present</b>	<p>53 people attended: 28 from Cammeray, 23 from Northbridge, 1 from Naremburn, 2 from Castlecrag. Most from other suburbs were residents living in proximity to Flat Rock Creek Gully.</p> <p>JM, President, Willoughby Environment Protection Assn (WEPA)</p> <p>GM, Vice President, Northbridge Progress Assn</p> <p>LP, Vice President, Cammeray Public School Parents &amp; Citizen’s Assn.</p>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<p>Mayor Jilly Gibson</p> <p>Cr Tony Carr</p> <p>Cr Stephen Barbour</p> <p>GD, Bushland Management Coordinator, NSC</p> <p>MF, Secretary, WEPA</p>
<b>Chair:</b>	<p>PW presided.</p> <p>The Meeting was declared open at 6.30 pm.</p> <p>TC, Principal of Tig Designs, a landscaping company, was introduced.</p>
<b>Keynote Address – delivered by TC: Natural Ecosystem Regeneration</b>	<p>The Keynote address, <b>Natural Ecosystem Regeneration</b>, focused on the cycle of carbon from the atmosphere being captured and processed through plant life, enriching the soil, and promoting more growth.</p> <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starting point is for communities to build their vision for the future in green space close to where they live. This would describe the social, cultural, ecological, and environmental landscape.</li> <li>• The ecosystem is complex. Its origin was 3.8 billion years ago. TC spoke to the cycle of the evolution of life on Earth.</li> <li>• Over the last 200 years, the planet has lost organic carbon, caused by deforestation.</li> <li>• We can grow soil. Plants take carbon from the atmosphere and increase the deposits of carbon below land level. This is home for 94 to 96% of life on the planet.</li> <li>• Manage the landscape, manage it well, and we can reverse the imminent threat of climate change.</li> <li>• Flat Rock Creek Gully is a natural ecosystem at our front doors.</li> <li>• We need to set holistic goals for Flat Rock Creek Gully and Tunks Park. Describe, do not proscribe, the social, cultural, ecological, and environmental landscape we would like to see in the future, perhaps 2050.</li> </ul>



<p><b>Community Response to Beaches Link Tunnel EIS. Presentation and Call to Action</b></p>	<p>PW informed the meeting that the Beaches Link Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is currently on public display. The community is invited to make submissions.</p> <p>There are many threats to the community of Cammeray and the North Sydney LGA. Community agitation can make a difference to projects such as the BLT and can lead to conditions which improve outcomes for the community.</p> <p>He invited LP, Vice President of Cammeray Public School P &amp; C, to present to this topic. LP's presentation has been forwarded to Bay Precinct contacts previously. It is attached again for convenience.</p> <p>Concerns highlighted included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several existing access points to the Warringah Freeway from Cammeray and surrounds will be lost.</li> <li>• To access to the Beaches Link, Cammeray residents will need to do so via North Sydney or Artarmon.</li> <li>• A Dive Site to store the spoil temporarily removed from the harbour floor in the tunnelling process will be constructed at the top of Flat Rock Creek Gully.</li> <li>• The seabed contains heavy contaminants. The spoil will be stored at the Dive Site in transit to its destination. 500 square metres of the spoil may be stored external to the Dive Site shed.</li> <li>• 965 extra truck movements per day along Flat Rock Creek Drive.</li> <li>• Noise impacts for the duration of the project (to 2028).</li> <li>• An additional 711,000 litres of wastewater being flushed down Flat Rock Creek daily.</li> <li>• Wildlife corridor will be adversely affected by the Dive Site.</li> <li>• Construction and operation of a Coffey Dam on the harbour between Clive Park, Northbridge and Seaforth to receive spoil from tunnelling; then be transferred by barge along Middle Harbour to the Spit Bridge, requiring many more openings of the bridge daily.</li> </ul> <p>LP urged attendees to lodge submissions, objecting to the Beaches Link project. Submissions/objections close on March 1, 2021.</p> <p>PW strongly supported the need to do this and to act now.</p>
<p><b>Motion Opposing the Beaches Link Tunnel</b></p>	<p>BE submitted this motion to the meeting, acknowledging that some wording was the same as a motion passed previously by the Castlecrag Progress Assn.</p> <p>Bay Precinct opposes the Beaches Link Tunnel project until such time as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The business case is released for public consideration; and</li> <li>2. The need for the project, and its superiority over public transport alternatives, has been demonstrated by way of a transparent process involving informed public engagement and consultation, noting that the EIS process has to date failed to evaluate the relative merits of public transport.</li> </ol> <p>Specific areas of concern are:</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction and operation of the Dive Site at the top of Flat Rock Creek Gully.</li> <li>• Loss of 390 trees for this construction.</li> <li>• 965 extra truck movements per day along Flat Rock Creek Road.</li> <li>• 500,000 square metres of spoil dug from the harbour floor being stored externally to the Dive Site shed.</li> <li>• 711,000 litres of wastewater daily added to the flow of Flat Rock Creek.</li> </ul> <p>The motion was carried. Nearly all the attendees raised their hand in support.</p> <p>PW again stressed the importance of residents lodging individual submissions, objecting to the Beaches Link Project. How to do so is detailed in a previous email sent to contacts on February 19, 2021. How to lodge objections is sent again following these minutes.</p>
<p><b>Volunteers Needed:</b></p>	<p>BE: Bay Precinct is seeking volunteers to door knock neighbours to gather email addresses and phone numbers for residents willing to be added to Bay’s contacts data base. Please contact the Secretary if you will assist.</p>
<p><b>Precinct System Review:</b></p>	<p>BE advised that a review of the Precinct System is currently underway.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is likely that active Precincts will become larger to include neighbouring Precincts which are currently inactive.</li> <li>• Bay, Plateau and Bridgeview may become one Precinct.</li> <li>• This matter will be finalised later this year.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Close of Meeting:</b></p>	<p>Meeting closed at 8.40pm.</p>



## How to lodge objections to the EIS

These are the steps to follow:

Go to the DPIE Major Projects website - <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/search-name>.

- Click on the “Sign In” tab (top right of screen).
- Click on make a submission.
- Click on Beaches Link & Gore Hill Freeway Connection – Make submission.
- Click on the tab, “I am making a personal submission” and proceed from there. I recommend you draft your objection prior to going to the site; then copy and paste it into the required part of the submission.

## Wording of your objection

Start your objection with the words, “I object to the Beaches Link EIS because ...”. Use your own wording, which may be simple, e.g.:

*I object to the Beaches Link EIS because the construction of the Dive Site in Flat Rock Creek Gully necessitates the destruction of 390 mature trees in Flat Rock Creek Gully.*

You may lodge multiple objections prior to the March 1 deadline. DPIE will collate them.

If you need help, or wish to discuss, please call any of these Bay Precinct Committee members:

Brian Emanuel 0417 237 265.  
John Berry 0433 535 168.

**Please lodge your objection now.**