



MINUTE OF THE MAYOR

Dated: 23 March 2020

RE: Western Harbour Tunnel & Warringah Freeway Upgrade Environmental Impact - Air Filtration

One of the primary concerns of residents about this project has been, and remains, the impact of air pollution on community health. Councillors will recall that we have resolved to undertake our own air quality monitoring to collect base line data on air quality. A monitoring station has been installed in St Leonards Park and the results will be published on Council's website.

The NSW Government has consistently argued that air filtration systems create no real benefit over unfiltered systems. They base this on scientific modelling, which has been included in the Environmental Impact Statement. Like all economic and scientific modelling, the outputs are based on best-guess inputs. Change the input and you get a different result.

The decision to go without an air filtration system feels like a massive experiment in community health which will keep epidemiologists of the future well employed tracking air pollution and disease patterns. Our community is asking a simple question and they have not yet received a satisfactory answer - if air filtration systems are considered to be standard requirements elsewhere in the world, why is the NSW Government so unwilling to compromise?

Residents have told me they would like the NSW Premier to attend a site visit in Cammeray to discuss both the location of the stacks and the impact on air quality on the surrounding residents and schools.

I therefore recommend:

- 1. THAT** Council write to the NSW Premier asking her to attend a meeting with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager, Georgina Taylor, Paul Walter, Brian Emanuel and Ian Grey (or their nominated substitutes) to discuss the location of the proposed ventilation stacks and the need for appropriate filtration;
- 2. THAT** in the event the NSW Government will not commit to air filtration, the NSW Premier be asked to guarantee that the infrastructure is built in a way that allows it to be easily adapted/retrofitted if a future need is identified.

**COUNCILLOR JILLY GIBSON
MAYOR**