## NorthConnex creates Health Hazard!



UNFILTERED emission stack in residential suburbs near Wahroonga Park and West Pennant Hills. YOUR HEALTH and YOUR CHILDREN'S health is at SERIOUS RISK!!!

## FACTS:

- NORTHCONNEX is a 9km tunnel for diesel trucks from M2 to M1
- NorthConnex pollution stacks will **shower unfiltered pollutants into Wahroonga** and **West Pennant Hills** suburbs.
- Diesel emissions which come from the stacks contain high concentrations of very fine particles that deposit deep into lung tissue permanently and cause inflammation and clotting effects. Particles from vehicles contain toxins like lead and arsenic.
- NO FILTRATION = NO PROTECTION from tunnel emissions
- NorthConnex tunnel drivers will also breathe highly polluted air
- The NorthConnex tunnel design is sub-optimal compared with world-class infrastructure developments in the protection of public health

## \*\* DOCTORS WARNING \*\*

- In large scale research studies it is confirmed that vehicle pollutants cause cancer, heart attacks, strokes, asthma attacks, and **increased death**
- School children who are exposed over time have reduced lung growth and development
- The WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION has classified Diesel emissions as carcinogenic (cancer causing) based on global studies

- There are likely to be long-term health impacts on children in Wahroonga preschools and schools. The numbers are about 10,000 children in Wahroonga, and 7,000 in West Pennant Hills. Children are more vulnerable to pollution as they spend time outdoors, breathe faster, and will inhale a higher dose of pollutants relative to their lung size.
- Infrastructure to remove freight vehicles from Pennant Hills Road is important, and must be designed safely. Emission stacks with no filtration must be sited away from residential areas. It can be done. Alternative options must be considered such as surface orbital roads for freight, or world-class examples of tunnel designs that safeguard health.

## **Please Act NOW:**

- Let Mike Baird know your concerns! Tell him if he can't afford a safe tunnel don't build it. You may ask him to stop NorthConnex as it is currently proposed or redesign it so it is safe. Email Mr Baird: manly@parliament.nsw.gov.au
- Include the Doctors Group on your email: nopollutionnorthconnex@gmail.com
- Don't make us and our children sick for a lifetime!

For more info please google: "Doctors Against Pollution", visit capsgroup.org, scapsgroup.org, and WestConnex action groups.