

There can be no excuse – a Beaches’ Tunnel must be a clean tunnel; it must result in much of the through traffic being removed from Military Road

Sydney sits in a basin, more like a shoe box with one end open that, with certain weather patterns, traps air resulting in a build-up of pollution levels.



Not all that long-ago Sydney was plagued with “smog” created by the particle emissions from the likes of the Balmain and White Bay Power stations – we are at risk of revisiting the past with “smog” from chimney stacks of the road tunnels.

We simply must take every opportunity to protect and improve air quality

- The Beaches’ Tunnel presents an opportunity to do just that – to filter out contaminants.

The State Government wants to take the contaminated air from the tunnel and disgorge it through chimney stacks in to our community and in the Sydney basin

- The State Government is missing the point – it needs to:
 - relentlessly work at improving air quality (not hide its failure to do so by pumping the contaminated air high up and out of “site”).
 - invest in filtration equipment on the Beaches’ Tunnel – it’s simply a cost of cleaning up and protecting our environment.

Filtration is proven:

- it’s in use in Europe and Japan – e.g. Madrid’s orbital road and the Mount-Blanc tunnel; and
- capable of reducing particulate contamination by up to 90%.

What’s needed? The State Government, its Premier and our local member to commit to a clean tunnel; to commit to filtration being an integral part of the design and to commit now.

There’s one other commitment that’s needed – it’s to allow our community to retake “possession” of Military Road by severely reducing the volume of through traffic – when all has been said and done, isn’t the Beaches’ tunnel there to take through traffic off our roads.