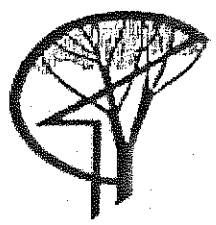


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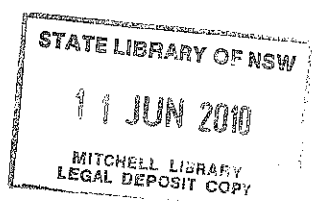


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M2 Mini Bulletin (Number 4; June 2010)

M2 to be Widened – Beecroft & Cheltenham Impacts ...

Transurban and the NSW Government are now exhibiting plans and seeking your feedback about the physical widening of the M2 tollway through our area, not simply using current emergency/ cycle lanes.

It is notionally at no cost to the NSW Government – but sends an apparent message that *the car's the way to go ... why not the North West Rail Link?*

For further information on the M2 widening – which implies loss of local bushland, plus increased traffic, pollution and noise – please go to - <http://www.hillsm2upgrade.com.au/>

Households should have received an *M2 Upgrade May/June Community Update* from the Hills M2 operators of the tollway. If you have not, the above link will provide similar information.

Your written /email feedback and comment on the proposed M2 Upgrade environmental assessment is essential. Your submission should include:

- Name and address
- Submission identification: "M2 Upgrade Project 09_0049"
- A statement on whether you support or object to the proposal
- The reasons why you support or object to the proposal:

Points you may wish to include in your message:

- ✓ It is essential that on-going noise impacts are minimised
- ✓ Road surfacing material must result in reduced vehicle noise

- ✓ Noise from viaduct expansion-joint transit must be avoided
- ✓ Speed limits must be kept low to reduce noise and pollution
- ✓ Tollway noise walls should be higher than truck exhausts
- ✓ Loss of vegetation along the Beecroft - Cheltenham corridor will be notable, especially a prospective temporary extension off Allerton Road for construction access!
- ✓ Noise walls to have high sound attenuation characteristics
- ✓ Homes adjoining and impacted by tollway noise must be offered noise attenuation and remediation by RTA
- ✓ If notably disruptive affects are proven, noise abatement must recognise that the M2 has been constructed outside the originally designated corridor
- ✓ Road access to/ from Sydney's North-West will be improved
- ✓ Existing levels of pollution & noise will be greatly exacerbated and need addressing
- ✓ There will be significant loss of vegetation along the Beecroft - Cheltenham corridor
- ✓ This is a short term solution given the continued traffic volume growth & Sydney population, especially in the NW.
- ✓ NW Rail Link with suitable commuter parking is a far more appropriate strategy.

Please send your written submission by **5pm on 21 June 2010** to:

Director, Major Infrastructure Assessments
 NSW Department of Planning
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or Email: kylie.seretis@planning.nsw.gov.au

Reflecting resident concerns, your Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust's position is that our area is being adversely affected by key national road & rail links. In this case, a North West rail link could substantially reduce car – *and tollway* – dependence in our region. **Better public transport will benefit our City!**