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Request to be heard?: yes

**Full Name:** Guy & Lena Marinucci

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:** 145 Macorna Street

**Attachment 1:** North\_East\_Link\_

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** We write with reference to the pedestrian bridge at the end of Macorna Street. We have lived at 145 Macorna Street for 16 years. Over the last 18 months we have cooperated with the North East Link consultants allowing them to place noise recorders in our yard and take photos. We have attended information meetings to learn as much as possible about the proposed North East Link project. We had been informed that it would not affect our property, and a comment was made that the pedestrian bridge may need to be moved. After attending the North East Link Hub in Watsonia we were shocked, disappointed and angry to learn the road would be 17 meters from our back yard and pedestrian bridge access ramp is right up alongside our fence. The proposed structure looks like an amusement park tunnel and a high concrete structure with line of sight right into our backyard. We are very concerned about the invasion of our privacy and the recommended high fence would obstruct light and create shadows. We have recently invested a considerable amount of money on our home and pool area, and are in the process of planning landscaping our yard and pool area. The proposed construction of the access ramp to the pedestrian ramp will devalue our home and impact on the quality of our lives with increased traffic noise from the road being moved to within 17 meters of our home. All of our bedrooms and the main living areas of our home face the back fence and the road. The current view we enjoy is of gum trees and greenery all around us. This is to be ripped out and replaced with a concrete path and walls. This is a major negative visual change and encloses our backyard whilst impacting on our privacy, as people using the overpass will have line of sight right into our backyard. Although the EES states that for every tree removed 3 will be planted in their place, we feel serious consideration should be given to planting more mature trees in this area. This may assist in lessening the impact of the changes proposed. (See attached pictures of current views) Also of concern is the according to the EES the visual impact after 10 years is still rated as high: "Year 10 – High to medium, as the landscaping would partially screen views of the seven metre noise wall. In addition, the design of the shared use overpass would be guided by the project's Urban Design Strategy which requires structures to be well designed, complement the surrounding area, and consider sensitive interfaces."

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Although the recommendations talk to the sound levels being managed with high fences and materials that assist with reducing the impact of sound, the increase in the volume of traffic the new road will bring will certainly impact on us directly particularly in the night and early mornings when all the other ambient sounds of the day are not present. The testing results that have been conducted are with the current road 50-70 meters away from the residences. In the proposed location of the new road it will be only 17 meters away from our property. This coupled with the extra traffic, up to 135,000 cars a day; we feel this will have a large negative impact on us from a noise perspective. This will certainly impact on the quality of life we have enjoyed in our home up to now. We feel serious consideration should be given to minimizing this noise impact on us and our family by installing double glazed windows in our home.

As the volume of traffic will be vastly increased and the proximity of the road being only 17 meters from our boundary we have concerns as to the air quality we will face with a large increase in traffic.

We also have concerns of the impact during construction. The vibrations caused during the construction phase may cause movement issues to our home and surrounds. We have recently invested a lot of money renovating/refurbishing our pool (concrete pool) and internal living areas and will be very disappointed to have this investment impacted by the construction of the new road and changes to the pedestrian bridge.

We also would like to understand what consideration has been given to our privacy during the construction phase. Our backyard and pool area will be open and exposed to the construction activity. We would expect that new fences that need to be agreed upon by us would be installed prior to the construction commencing.

Also the illumination from the tunnel giving access to the pedestrian bridge will mean light pollution into our backyard and bedrooms impacting on the quality of sleep and relaxing in our own home. The proposed construction of access to the pedestrian bridge will only devalue our home and we request that alternative designs be explored. Perhaps a tunnel or even utilising the land along Sellers Street where there are currently no homes. Our neighbours have been trying to sell their house for the last 8 months without success. The selling agent has advised the many prospective buyers have been deter by the proposed construction of the access ramp and moving of the road so much closer to the backyards of existing homes. We are concerned this will affect our home in the future if and when we need to sell it.