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Request to be heard?: no

**Full Name:** Nicklaus Mahony

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** Dear North East Link Inquiry and Advisory Committee, As an independent panel free from political barriers, you have an opportunity to make recommendations to the government that will protect our community and our city. I am Nicklaus Mahony and live in Elwood. I call on the Inquiry and Advisory Committee to rethink the North East Link. The cost of the project is too high for our city. I recommend that we give priority to public transport options that will allow more people to leave their cars at home. I ask Planning Panels Victoria to support community concerns about the North East Link. With the limited time remaining to avoid dangerous climate change we need Melbourne to have infrastructure that prioritises low emissions, mass transport. Another expensive road is not the way to achieve this. Our public money would be better spent on projects like the Melbourne Metro Tunnel<sup>2</sup> from Clifton Hill to Newport, the Doncaster Rail link and the suburban rail loop. I urge the panel to recommend reallocating priority to public transport options that will reduce congestion in Melbourne rather than further lock our city into reliance on private cars for transport. Kind regards, Nicklaus Mahony