



Save Centennial Glen

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Dear fellow Blackheath resident,

As you are probably aware, Transport for NSW is considering diverting the Great Western Highway through Centennial Glen. This “Outer Bypass” is one of four options currently being considered through the Blackheath Co-design Committee, the others being widening of the current highway, a short or long tunnel under Blackheath or a road through Station Street. SCG is a member of the BCC.

Prior to the last State election the Liberal Government, aware of community concerns with upgrading the highway, promised the people of Blackheath a tunnel under the current highway to minimise the impact on our town.

As a local resident you will no doubt appreciate the unique and unspoiled beauty of Centennial Glen. In addition to being valued by our local community its pristine natural environment attracts tens of thousands of tourists each year, often well over 100 per day. The current rock-climbing sport, for example, originated in Australia at Centennial Glen. Today there are over 200 charted climbs in the area and these are regarded as some of the best climbs in Australia attracting climbers from all over the world.

Similarly, bush walkers, tourists and other nature-lovers holiday here to explore and enjoy the excellent walking tracks, the canyon, waterfalls, aboriginal heritage sites and stunning mountain views. Porters Pass walk is historically one of the oldest walking tracks in the Blue Mountains.

The outer bypass option would entail a four-lane elevated highway through Centennial Glen. In addition to destroying the visual amenity of the Glen, this would have a huge and destructive impact on the natural environment to the detriment of both Blackheath residents and visitors.

Please help us to save Centennial Glen. Your voice is important. To help the BCC decide, please firmly say NO to the Outer Bypass. For more information and details on how you can help and have your voice heard please scan the QR code below or visit our website at: www.savecentennialglen.org. Please also write to express your concern to:

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