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# Govt listens to residents over planned M4 tunnel

The New South Wales Government has reacted to anger from Haberfield residents in Sydney's inner west and lengthened its planned route for the M4 East tunnel.

The project will link the M4 at Strathfield to the City West Link, bypassing about 15 sets of traffic lights.

Originally the tunnel was to have finished at Haberfield but residents were concerned about the extra traffic.

Roads Minister Carl Scully's new plan will add an extra kilometre to the tunnel and bypass most of the inner-west suburb.

"It's a win for motorists and it's a win for the people of Haberfield."

It adds \$300 million to the project, meaning the toll will also go up to about \$5 each way.

But Opposition leader John Brogden wants the tunnel to go even further through to ANZAC Bridge.

"If you're spending \$1.8 billion why not spend a little bit more to ensure you get this project right for ever."

The extension will now be the subject of an environmental study.

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