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SICKNESS STACK?

Your Deadly Neighbour

What's In it For You?

- **Untreated pollutants** from **30 million** vehicles a year.
- About a **tonne of deadly particulate matter** a month, as well as carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide and benzene
- This pollution, like cigarette smoke, can cause respiratory disease, asthma, and cancer.

What the RTA says

Paul Willoughby of the RTA recently told Steve Price on 2UE "I can assure you, there is no public health risk inside or outside the tunnel."

So why are so many people around the stack reporting sick?

For some it's headaches, sore throats and broken sleep from being wakened by smells. For others it's increased asthma, skin complaints, more dust on their cars and in their homes. Don't be fooled. Much of the stack's pollution occurs late at night when we should be safe in our beds! And have you noticed the smoky, hazy conditions inside the tunnel? Well, everything in the tunnel comes out 1 unfiltered point, in Turrella.

What You Can Do

Speak up! The RTA says it gets very few complaints, probably because people do it once, thinking it achieves nothing. The RTA has only just advertised the contact numbers in local papers, so use them to report **every time you feel that you are being affected, and make sure your complaint is recorded.** They will need your name, where you live, what was the illness and when you noticed it.

■ **Ring the RTA** - Phone **Motorway Services Branch** on **8814 2580** during business hours or **the Traffic Incidents and Road Conditions** line on **131 700** after hours or **send** the form below to RTA Motorway Services Branch, PO Box 558, BLACKTOWN. 2148

■ **Log on** at <http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au> through the "contact us" link

■ **Report to your doctor** and make sure your **doctor records** all stack related illnesses

■ **Contact** your local member, the EPA on 131 555 or your favourite radio station if you don't get any results



Let Your Government Know! If you can smell the stack emissions or have noticed more dust around: if you have been ill and want to check if the stack could have caused your illness; if you have experienced irritation or illness when travelling through the tunnel.

M5 TUNNEL / STACK EMISSIONS COMPLAINT STRIKE OUT AS APPLICABLE.

On (date) at am/pm, I was **home/ in the park/ in the tunnel** and want to complain about the pollution **from the stack/ inside the tunnel**

■ I could smell a strong smell of **exhaust/fine dust/acrid smoke** which lasted for about **hours/minutes.**

■ The smoke in the tunnel was **light/fairly heavy/very heavy.** I was in the tunnel for about minutes.

■ I was woken from my sleep.

Afterwards, I experienced:

■ a **severe headache/ sore throat/ sore eyes(other)**..... which lasted forhours

■ an asthma attack which was **moderate/severe** and requiredmedication to relieve it

■ Other.....

I needed to take **medication/ visit the doctor/ hospital** because of the problem. I experienced **severe/ moderate** discomfort for..... hours after the event.

Before the tunnel opened, **I had experienced/ I had rarely experienced/ I had not experienced** this type of **attack/ illness.** Since the tunnel opened I have experienced this or similar **illnesses/problems once/occasionally/regularly** and believe that it is caused by pollution **within the tunnel/ the stack/tunnel emissions.** **I have/ have not** complained about the **stack/tunnel** before.

Name.....

Address.....

Phone number.....