



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

## **MEDIA RELEASE INQUIRY INTO THE IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT**

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The Upper House Public Accountability Committee has today commenced an inquiry into the impact of the WestConnex project. The committee will examine a range of issues including the cost of the project, its governance structures, the compulsory acquisition of properties as part of the development, and the project's relationship with other road projects in Sydney.

Revd the Hon Fred Nile MLC, Chairman of the Committee said: 'The NSW Government has invested significant funds in the WestConnex project. This inquiry will investigate the adequacy of the WestConnex business case and the project's costs, particularly whether this project represents a good investment for New South Wales taxpayers'.

The Chairman continued: 'The committee will also consider the governance structures of the WestConnex project, including the relationship between Sydney Motorway Corporation, Roads and Maritime Services, the Treasury and its shareholding Ministers, as well as recommendations from the Audit Office of New South Wales and the Australian National Audit Office in relation to the project.'

The committee is keen to hear from stakeholders and interested community members. Submissions to the inquiry are open until 31 August 2018.

For further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, please visit the committee's website at: <http://bit.ly/publicaccountabilitywestconnex>

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