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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX
PROJECT**

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I am a resident of St Peters, have been significantly negatively impacted throughout the construction with noise and road closures, and I expect to be significantly negatively impacted after construction is completed with additional traffic causing congestion, pollution and noise. The westconnex project has been ill conceived and poorly planned. The area where I live is already congested, with stationary queues of traffic at peak hours in the week and all day at weekends. The area from St Peters and Tempe into Mascot is already congested. Commercial traffic going to the airport and Container facilities around Port Botany already causes issues with trucks that are too large to get around corners, using the roads and causing traffic jams. Locating the massive interchange at St Peters does nothing to resolve the issues of commercial traffic wanting to get to the airport or Port Botany, which was one of the original objectives, since St Peters is not at either of these location. It will just add more traffic to the already congested streets around Mascot and Tempe. Also, it does not help with vehicles that wish to go to the CBD (another objective) since is is not in the CBD. It will just add more traffic to the already congested streets around Alexandria, Redfern, Newtown, Waterloo and Surrey Hills. The level of detail of the plans communicated by the government has been totally insufficient. All the properties on a street approximately 5m from my home were compulsorily acquired, have been demolished, and a new road has been virtually, completed, and still there is no detail about this construction on the plans. I have no idea how I will be able to leave my house after the construction, since I will be sandwiched between 2 major multi-lane roads with no indication of access to be found. I have written to the minister multiple times and had no response. I have written to the premier multiple times and had no response. This has been a very expensive project, with no information to stakeholders, and seemingly no accountability. The plans to privatise the roads and allow tolls to be charged are disgusting. Why should public funds be used to build something, and then the public be charged to use it. The environmental impact statement is lacking in detail. The business case is non-existent. The plans do not achieve improving the actual issues identified. This is a complete waste of public funds and will cause more problems than it will solve. Another transport shambles!