

**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX  
PROJECT**

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To whom it may concern, Thankyou for the opportunity to submit regarding effects of WestConnex in St Peters. We live on Mary street - close to the Canal Rd, Princes Highway intersection. We have experienced multiple problems which I will attempt to outline below:

1) Noise - 24 hours a day ! Different levels of noise at different times/days/stages. At one stage we even had the Westconnex team send someone out with a noise monitor - but obviously the noise levels were "within tolerance" - so nothing was done. Our (now) 4 year old, was under the impression there was a motorbike underneath his room and kept asking us to turn it off - he struggled to go to sleep for a very long time each night We come home from long/hard days work to be faced with constant hammering - underneath us - so much so that we couldn't even watch a tv show without having to stop and rewind it.... and can you imagine what hearing constant background noise day in day out does to you?? let me tell you, its impossible to relax and recharge My husband also sometimes works night shifts and weekends - so him trying to sleep during the day was also a huge challenge. We live in a 4 storey terrace - and sometimes the noise also filtered to our bedroom (top floor), so you can just imagine the noise in our media room (basement) which was unusable during the high noise periods. I know this noise was supposed to be "within tolerance" but let me tell you on a day to day basis, having to live with this noise day in and day out was absolutely terrible.

2) Internet access - ever since the Westconnex project started in st peters we have had issues with our internet - I work from home 1-2 days a week, and we are also trying to run a small business, internet usage has been rubbish - having to log on and off many times, we've even bought a booster and sometimes that does not even seem to work. Before westconnex there were little to no disruptions. Watching Netflix or internet TV is also unbearable - the streaming effect takes forever.

3) Odours - imagine its summer and you're having your friends over for a bbq in your backyard - its a beautiful day, but cannot actually stay outside as the stench coming from Westconnex - bad egg smell - wafts through. We decide to come inside, but of course the smell is now inside too - absolutely disgusting. Off and on we experienced much of this through many months having to leave our 4 yr old inside, rather than letting him play outside

4) Parking - it has been absolutely ridiculous for our guests/visitors trying to get a park in our street - mainly taken up by Westconnex workers - who arrive early- its really not a fair system at all. Parking of cars on both sides of the road (yes there are no no-parking signs) but you would think common sense would prevail, leaving only a small space for cars to get through, I have experienced many times a larger car or smaller truck/delivery van having to reverse back down the road as they cannot get through. Obviously I cant prove that these cars belong to westconnex workers - but they definitely were not there before.

5) Trucks driving down Mary street - with parking on one side of the road - huge, double trucks with all sorts of rubbish driving down Mary street is absolutely ridiculous. There used to be a sign that large trucks were not allowed down this street - they get so close to the cars that sometime I think they are going to swipe mirrors - its really scary. Not to mention smelly and really noisy too.

6) Trucks blocking streets - so cars are not able to get through. Sometimes trucks sit in smaller streets or in alleyways with their hazard lights on - you drive down the road, the driver is not even in the truck, on one occasion I actually had to get out of my car and find someone to get a truck driver to come move it - I was coming home from picking up my son from daycare - not a great experience at all - I was stuck for around 10 mins Only this morning I was coming down Roberts Lane, there was a huge double truck just sitting there - when he finally saw me he got in the truck - took at least 5 mins - but didn't move it, there was a guy directing traffic - the truck driver also didn't listen to him for a few minutes - finally he moved it, so I was able to move forward, the truck is now behind me, now I am faced with a second (now concrete) truck, in front of me, the traffic guy is letting all the traffic through on Mary street, then finally lets the concrete truck through, before I am able to even get out - I was stuck there for at least 15 mins - I was coming

home to work from home today - see pictures attached for this morning episode. These are not isolated incidents Thankyou for the opportunity to let you know about these issues. I hope (for all the residents sake) you can help us by doing something about it. There is no use in owning the great Australian dream to then have a substandard quality of living due to noise and trucks and parking and odours etc.... only time will tell us if this also brings on health issues - I hope not, but cannot rule it out either.