

**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX
PROJECT**

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The WestConnex does not allow for any changes in traffic volumes entering the Sydney CBD caused by WestConnex. RMS has only just commenced work to identify which roads fanning out from WestConnex portals will need to be upgraded to deliver large numbers of vehicles to and from. This impact on communities is untested. However, the traffic impacts of these motorways in Rozelle have not been assessed and small streets could have significantly worse traffic congestion. Buses attempting to enter and leave the Balmain peninsula will be delayed by the significantly increased traffic congestion on Victoria Road at White Bay and between the Anzac and Iron Cove Bridges. The Anzac bridge is already congested and cannot cope with increased traffic funnelling onto it. While work is being undertaken, the emission of dust, noise, diesel exhaust and offensive odours has been appallingly mismanaged in the previous stages. The 24/7 operations will be especially debilitating for Rozelle, Lilyfield, White Bay, Annandale and Glebe residents. Particularly concerning is the increased pollution levels and the impact on health. The stacks in Rozelle are next to community residential areas. Increased traffic on local roads due to rat running will seriously impact on residential amenity. The construction of four unfiltered stacks in Rozelle emitting in excess of 50 tonnes of carcinogenic material annually will impact on residential property values, as well as on the desirability of the White Bay region and adjoining suburbs as a safe and healthy place to raise a family. Nearby sporting and open spaces would be unsuitable with exhaust stacks spewing pollution. This seems a return to the old days of smoke stacks spewing pollution rather than a policy of clean air. Consideration should be given to increasing public transport in the area using already partially available rail links.