

**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX
PROJECT**

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THE IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX ON HABERFIELD

I have resided in Haberfield since the mid 1970 and been a homeowner in Northcote Street for 30 years. To date the WestConnex has negatively impacted the property values anywhere in the vicinity of the expressway. Yes, property values are not increasing in Sydney or may have dropped slightly but the values in our area have plummeted. I have tracked property values in Haberfield over all these years. When we purchased our property house values were fairly standard all over Haberfield. At the time we paid a premium price to live in the beautiful garden suburb of Haberfield. Today properties away from the WestConnex are selling for 30% more than properties anywhere in the vicinity of the road. We will never be compensated for the loss of our property values. Our area has been tarnished as it now associated with a major expressway, tunnel entrances/exits, exhaust stacks, lots of harsh concrete. It is ugly, there is no such thing as an attractive entrance to an expressway tunnel. We have been segregated from the rest of Haberfield. This section no longer looks like the Garden Suburb, more like the arse end. In addition we have the following issues: * Footpaths on Northcote, Wolsley St and Ramsay Rd dug up for 2 years and still not repaired . * Dangerous and almost impossible to exit Northcote Street right into Ramsay Rd. We should have a "Keep Clear " sign on Ramsay Rd. This was actually discussed and promised by WestConnex when they door knocked before the work commenced. * Our other exit from Northcote Street is a left turn from Wolseley St onto Parramatta Rd. This is a very tight turn to negotiate onto heavy traffic. * Crepe Myrtle trees were planted all along Ramsay Rd Haberfield only up to Wattle Street. Anything West of Wattle Street got ignored instead. When the works have completed, Northcote Street should remain CLOSED to traffic onto Parramatta Rd in order to stop rat runs of cars.