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INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT

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It appears that the Westconnex business case suffers from the two biggest & most common problems in transport business cases, being: 1. A failure to properly consider a sensible range of alternative options - including having a do nothing/minimal "base case" comparator (which becomes increasingly implausible further into the future, leading to overstated project benefits), and a lack of public transport options, different project scales and timings, or hybrid options such as reducing the number of car lanes to use this tunnel space for the planned West Metro - see: <http://davidthorp.net/transport-plan/sydney-metro-hst> 2. Overvaluing many small and accumulated benefits (even if they are correct) because of failing to recognise the impact of household budget constraints, which could easily reduce the value of benefits by a factor of two or more - see: <http://davidthorp.net/transport-plan/pricing>