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## **INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT**

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Dear Members of Parliament According to a past article on the (ABC). "The Pope has issued a call for the world to act quickly to prevent climate change from destroying the planet, saying the Earth is starting to resemble "an immense pile of filth". In the first papal document, or encyclical, dedicated to the environment, Pope Francis demanded swift action on Thursday to head off what he sees as looming environmental ruin, and urged world leaders to hear "the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. He called for "decisive action, here and now", to stop environmental degradation and global warming, squarely backing scientists who say it is mostly man-made. Arguing environmental damage was intimately linked to global inequality, he said doomsday predictions could no longer be dismissed and "the Earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth". In the encyclical, titled Laudato Si (Praise Be), On the Care of Our Common Home, Francis advocated a change of lifestyle in rich countries steeped in a "throwaway" consumer culture and an end to an "obstructionist attitudes" that sometimes put profit before the common good. He also took on big business, appearing to back "what consumer movements accomplish by boycotting certain products" in order to force companies to respect the environment" I do not belong to any religion, but I believe that Governments should make sure we live in a sustainable place instead of places that only caters to the Greedy people of this world. We know that Governments (Federal and State) are using the mantra that we need affordable housing but are doing the contrary by demolishing everything on its path to please some Greedy Investors/Developers. Buildings or houses that used to accommodate great amount of people were/are demolish/ed to build houses/buildings that will be very expensive to maintain. Green spaces that used to provide fertile soil is used to build housing that it will create more greenhouse gases because the lack of public transport to those dwellings, so people have to drive a great amount of time to get to their place of work. Roads' building is destroying our Native Flora and Fauna because they do not have any power like political donation has on the eyes of some politicians. Yours sincerely Fernanda Rodas