

**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX  
PROJECT**

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Minister Pavey Minister for Roads Maritime and Freight Parliament of NSW Macquarie Street,  
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Minister, I understand the RMS is undertaking an Environmental Impact Statement which is considering a range of options which will have an enormous impact on our community and marine life in Sydney harbour.

My major concerns are as follows: The proposal to dig a trench from Yurulbin Point to the vicinity of the abandoned coal loader at Waverton will result in unacceptable impact on the fragile marine environment of Sydney harbour. The volume of sediment to be excavated will be heavily contaminated and treating the waste on White Bay will have an acceptable noise, odour and traffic impact on the community.

As a person living with Multiple Sclerosis and in close proximity to White Bay, I am particularly concerned about the impact on air quality as well as the impact on my sleep (brain repair time) as a result of loud noise. The government should re-examine route options as well as re-examine opportunities for a conventional tunnel that will not require dredging for a trench tunnel. The government should commit themselves to best practice filtration of any exhaust stacks and categorically rule out any stacks on the peninsula. If the government is to proceed with the unsuitable trench option then the pipes should be cast at Port Kembla and barged into place.

Overall, I believe that the government should focus on developing a world class public transport system investing in more private motorways that will impose significant impacts, promote car dependence and fail to move our state into a less polluting and less carbon intensive future.

Yours Sincerely,