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INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT

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My partner Gloria and I lived in Los Angeles for about 25 years. We know from experience what it is like to live in a city that was re designed to facilitate the automobile. The massive freeway systems built in America in the 50's and 60's effectively destroyed the quality of life for many residents by imprisoning them in their cars for many hours per day. Also as public transport systems were ripped up eg trams, the motor car became the only option . We can tell you that every freeway built will be gridlocked soon enough as it encourages more cars. Even Los Angeles is now turning to light rail. We hated the car culture in LA, it was really unpleasant and slow getting from A to B, and often it was expensive to park when you get to your destination. Please do not design Sydney to suit the tyranny of the car.