

**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX
PROJECT**

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The last few years have been incredibly stressful for myself and my family. The impacts of WestConnex has had include: Loss of well loved school friends as part of the compulsory acquisitions. This has proven quite hard on my children to accept and very sad; Ongoing frustration at ever changing vehicle and pedestrian access to and from our school, shops, station and friends. Even though we receive notifications it's so difficult to keep a track of all the changes as they happen so frequently and change quite randomly. This means adding on to my daily travel times and makes it difficult to properly work out how long a journey across the affected construction zone will take. It's so very inconvenient meaning I never know if I'll be on early, on time or late; The ongoing noise from all directions and at all hours. This is proving most difficult at night where construction work can be heard from within our house making it difficult to have an unbroken sleep impacting our whole family's mood and well being; The odours that were emitted from the top during its remediation was unbearably awful and we were unable to have windows and doors open and even with doors and windows closed the odour permeated throughout our house; The ongoing dust and dirt that is through the entire house. Our exterior walls and windows are caked in a layer of dirt. We clean our windows and then within a few days they are again caked in dirt. We've been in St Peters for 10 years and have never experienced such dirt. Our whole house is filled with grit that no amount of cleaning, vacuuming, dusting, mopping can eliminate. It returns every single day. We can't walk through our own home without shoes! This has meant an increase of house cleaning, clothes washing that we didn't have to undertake previously. It's so disheartening and depressing to have a house that never stays clean. This is also the case for our vehicles. Constantly caked in a layer of dirt meaning our car windows are never clean; The ongoing worry about the impacts of the pollution that we are experiencing is awful. We don't know how much additional pollution we have to endure, how will this impact our children and the children of the local schools. The thought of unfiltered stacks so close to my home and school is worrying and WestConnex have proven to not be transparent in this aspect. Our school community were promised that we would have ongoing access to the data from the on site monitoring station, however this has not occurred leading to many parents believing that there is something to hide. Future concerns include the yet to be finalised M4-M5 link is an ongoing stressor, especially as it's meant to be directly under our house. What does this mean for us? How will our house and its value be impacted. Will our quiet street where the kids play on be overrun by vehicles seeking to use it as a rat run. What assurances do we have if pollution proves to massively increase, how will our health be protected. I really don't think that the impacts that these frustrations have on people's physical and mental well being has been properly addressed or even considered. We also don't know how this will impact us into the future.