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INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT

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Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

I live in Rozelle and have multiple concerns for the M4-M5 link, or Westconnex, and for simplicity and clarity, I will outline them in point form.

- 1. As I am vision impaired, I find the design maps very difficult to navigate and comprehend. Therefore I depend greatly on information learned at community meetings or found in other accessible media.**
- 2. This proposal requires acquisitions of**

properties on Victoria Rd, as has happened previously in other suburbs, at great human cost and expense, not only to the affected home owner, but also to the surrounding community that will experience the noise and vibrations of construction. this applies to all areas where tunnels are to be built. Many houses in the Rozelle area are of an older construction, and are not well insulated

against noise and are prone to damage from vibrations. This is in addition to the actual physical and psychological damage to

traumatised residents. Evicted residents rarely receive the true value of their property and are unable to live where they chose.

3. I also object to the unfiltered ventilation stacks, wherever they may be. The fact that many are to be built near parks and schools, where young and old meet for exercise and learning, is unconscionable. People of all ages have a right to a healthy environment.

Studies show fungi displaying a rare abnormality (Rosecomb) near emission stacks on the M5, (Wolli Creek Preservation Society Media Release, 22 May 2015) leave

one to question if any environmental studies were performed to support this project as it appears to ignore world's best practices in other countries such as China, Italy, Japan, Norway and Spain. Since 2012, the World Health Organisation, upgraded the status of diesel fumes to the highest level of human carcinogenicity. However, the biota of our environment may be equally affected (Ibid).

4. There will be inadequate or no access to Easton Park during construction. This will disadvantage many sporting clubs and residents who use this park on a daily basis

and be a disincentive to a healthy lifestyle.

5. I rely heavily on Public Transport and am therefore concerned of the impact of this project on options for White Bay/Balmain Light Rail and the Western Metro Rail.

6. Major construction sites are proposed for heavily trafficked areas, such as the site at the corner of Pyrmont Bridge and Parramatta Rd. This could have serious implications for traffic flow in local areas.

7. This project will, and already has, increased traffic on many smaller streets, as drivers attempt to avoid construction and later, tolls.

This puts children, the disabled and elderly residents particularly at risk.

8. Large areas of Haberfield and St.Peters have already been destroyed, creating immeasurable impacts on residents and businesses. These impacts affect people in many different ways, creating psychological and physical health problems, because of dust and noise. They also translate to economic losses to local communities.

9. The Rozelle and Iron Cove interchanges have not been adequately investigated, nor do engineers know if indeed the Rozelle

interchange is possible. Victoria Rd. , the Iron Cove Bridge and the Inner West Link are already heavily used. Funnelling more traffic on to existing heavily used roads will not solve the issue of congestion, but rather exacerbate it.

10. Rather than create more roads, we should be supporting and expanding our heavily used Public Transport System. This would certainly be more cost effective, better use of our resources and better for our environment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

**and I very much look forward to a satisfactory
outcome.**

**Yours sincerely
Dorothy Lewis**