

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

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We are writing to strongly object to the proposed Westconnex Stage 3 extension design for the following reasons.

1. Many residents affected by the project were not letterboxed with details of community information sessions. Community information sessions were short staffed, mostly with PR people, with few if any experts in air quality, engineering and road building. Some SMC staff clearly gave contradictory information at community sessions. The standard response to many of the questions were 'That is beyond my remit' or 'That will be answered in the EIS.' Residents in Rozelle were given details of information sessions in Mosman!
2. Tunnelling and truck movements will negatively impact an already congested Victoria Road, not to mention the dust and noise pollution for local residents and businesses.
3. The design, location, height and number of exhaust stacks are still somewhat ambiguous. The close proximity of any unfiltered exhaust stack to Rozelle Public School is unacceptable as are the height of the proposed stacks along Lilyfield Road, which will see pollution blowing directly into residential houses.
4. The diagrams of the 80 metres wide four lane twin tunnels are deliberately misleading in terms of scale and the directions indicated make no sense.
5. The SMC has stated that only houses '50 metres either side of a tunnel' will be given the opportunity for house inspections 'before' and 'after' tunnelling to determine any damage caused by SMC. Independent structural assessments should be paid for and accepted by the SMC for all properties within the 'yellow swoosh' as SMC contractors may construct the tunnels anywhere within the 'yellow swoosh' areas - in some places upwards of 500m either side of the dotted line!
6. The NSW Government must legislate to ensure that liability is conveyed to subsequent purchasers of the tunnels and is able to hold offshore owners accountable. However the final route of the tunnels may never be made known, effectively denying owners recourse to structural damage claims.
7. The SMC must acknowledge that the several thousand mature trees they've destroyed and those earmarked for destruction will be replaced with mature trees of the same size and species. Westconnex will NOT solve Sydney's traffic gridlock problems. Construction costs, environmental damage, unfiltered smoke stacks (especially near schools!) and added pollution are totally UNACCEPTABLE.