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INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT

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Dear Director of PAC

I am writing to express my outrage at the incompetence shown by the former Baird Government and the current NSW Government in its handling of the whole Westconnex bungle.

From the initial irresponsible idea of building giant 8-lane tollways for individual cars and trucks to be funnelled into the inner city suburbs of Sydney's inner West in spite of all that is known in other large cities of the world about the inefficiency of this type of mass transit, to realising that there was actually no master plan in place and the aim of delivering travellers to the airport was not even going to be achieved (an original goal from 2012), and also realising the real aim of the endeavour was to reap massive profit from taxpayers for the benefit of Toll Road Owners (do any Government ministers have shares in Transurban?) into the future, I am extremely and increasingly annoyed.

The idea that the construction itself has caused massive heartache and loss to hundreds of citizens from the forced purchase of their assets at below market value, the expectation that our local roads will have thousands more truck movements a day for the duration of the build causing road congestion, increased air pollution and noise disruption to our already stressful lives, in order to support the ongoing use of individually owned motor vehicles into the future, this whole enterprise has been an economic and personal disaster.

I would like to hear a statement comparing the costs of the current Westconnex debacle with the projected cost of putting into place a transit system involving small, frequent public transport options that would move people quickly and in a more environmentally sound way. I would also like more open and transparent disclosure of the plans for Westconnex to allow scrutiny by your employers, us the public.

Thankyou,

Janet Thompson