

**Submission
No 101**

**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX
PROJECT**

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My submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Impacts of Westconnex relates to Item (j) Other Matters

It is of great concern to me that the **health impacts of this project** has not been tabled as part of the impacts of the Westconnex project.

As a resident of Alt Street, Ashfield living so close to Parramatta Road and the Frederick Street M4 Wattle Street Interchange and Tunnel and the M4 East Tunnel to St Peters development, I have been surrounded by these road works and tunnelling and have been continuously *exposed* to dust and highly intrusive noise and vibrational activity. This continuous exposure has adversely affected my health and that of my neighbours at Alt Street - a set of 39 Units built in 1968.

Of particular concern the particle matter reading has been higher in this area than other Westconnex site and there has been asbestos exposure (a possible future law suit) in that particle matter:

Wendy Bacon, an investigative journalist, has been doing some analysis of the dust and particulate monitoring at the Haberfield Public School and other sites near the Westconnex project.

You can look at the data yourself via:

<http://airodis.ecotech.com.au/westconnex/index.html>

Wendy's article highlights the already high recordings of particulate matter on some days at Haberfield. The Haberfield Public School monitoring site has generally had the highest readings of any site across metropolitan Sydney. It is unclear, why this is the case.

Wendy's article can be found at:

<http://www.wendybacon.com/2018/westconnex-m4-east-violates-national-pollution-standards-and-the-tunnel-hasnt-even-opened/>

As a result of these health impacts of the reduced air quality, dust and asbestos exposure and overall environmental degradation in the area, I strongly urge and request the Inquiry look into these current and future health impacts.

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