

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

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I would like to express my serious concern and anger over the construction of Westconnex. Apart from the absurdity of this venture, when other cities in the developed world are focusing on the development of first class public transport and green energy transport systems, Westconnex from the beginning has been entrenched in corruption.

Why is NSW building roads and not a better public transport system, which we know contributes to more cars and more carbon going into the atmosphere?

Apart from the above I would like to raise the following concerns :-

- (a) the adequacy of the business case for the WestConnex project, including the cost-benefits ratio
- (b) the cost of WestConnex project, including the size and reasons for overruns
- (c) consideration of the governance and structure of the WestConnex project including the relationship between Sydney Motorway Corporation, Roads and Maritime Services, the Treasury and its shareholding Ministers
- (d) the compulsory acquisition of property for the project
- (e) the recommendations of the Audit Office of New South Wales and the Australian National Audit Office in regards to WestConnex
- (f) the extent to which the project is meeting the original goals of the project as articulated in 2012
- (g) the relationship between WestConnex and other toll road projects including the Sydney Gateway, Western Harbour Tunnel, F6 and Beaches Link
- (h) the circumstances by which WestConnex and the Sydney Gateway were declared to be separate projects in 2017
- (i) the cost of the project against its current valuation as determined through the sale of the Sydney Motorway Corporation and whether it represents a good investment for NSW taxpayers

The voting public of NSW need to be listened to on this matter. Westconnex is not what we need - quite the contrary. I don't know a single person who does not get angry when the subject of Westconnex is mentioned. It is bad for the environment, is corrupt and is total waste of money.

Regards

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