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INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT

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Dear Westconnex Inquiry Committee,

It gives me great pleasure to see that not only common sense but also public outcry has finally prevailed and brought forth a parliamentary inquiry into the Westconnex projects. The downside however is that it has taken such an extensive period of time in order to do so, which has allowed for incredible damage to have been done in the meantime with a misused of public funds, and damaging public opinion of government entities and leaders.

I believe that the evidence to be provided will be self-evident as to demonstrate the deliberate attempt to obfuscate the truth, avoid public scrutiny and transparency, keep immense secrecy in the process of tendering, not follow appropriate due process in evaluating options, prepare a limited scope business case to push an agenda, carry out shady practices to remove people from their homes, extend plans and expense of roads projects, ignore alternative propositions, and insist on delivering road projects that will do very little to reduce traffic compared with any good public transport alternative.

Without having held the government accountable until now, it has allowed this work to carry on in the meantime, but has also enabled the government to set a dangerous precedent of doing what it likes while in charge and avoiding answering to the misuse of funds until the damage is done and the people once in charge have moved on. This approach and belief that such approaches are permissive allows them to carry out similar approaches with other important infrastructure projects which also go unchecked by avoiding public scrutiny. These people
While damaging public space in the meantime by not following best practice and misusing public money.

What follows is an article that I have written on the matter, covering at a high level the issues with the Westconnex associated projects which was published on the company website where I work. This can also be found at:

<https://www.cozero.com.au/news/2017/fix-westconnex.html>

Kind regards,
Christopher