

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT

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To whom it may concern

I would like to inform you of an existing problem that has been highlighted multiple times to various Government Officials (both Liberal and Labor, both Federal and State), City of Sydney Councillors including CEO and Director of Operations, NSW Police and RMS. Maddox St in Alexandria is a weight restricted street which has multiple signs that direct trucks not to enter if they are over 3 tonne. (It works on the GVM of a truck) Since the problem has been exposed to the relevant stakeholders we have evidence well over 1800 trucks illegally using this residential street. I would like to add that some of these trucks seriously breach the weight restriction of Maddox St. I would urge you to have a look at the 'Trucks of Maddox Street' on Facebook. This is a huge safety concern, we have had accidents, near misses, speeding trucks, dangerous driving, unlicensed drivers driving trucks, uninsured trucks and as stated over 1800 trucks illegally using this street. WestConnex finishes at Sydney Park Rd, there is then a dedicated left hand turn onto Maddox St - a weight restricted residential street. With your projections on traffic flows and movements I do not believe that you have factored into your numbers the vehicle types or the streets that vehicles leaving WestConnex will enter onto. This bears serious safety issues and concerns to the communities that are directly affected. Maddox St already has a serious problem and WestConnex intends to make things worse. This driving behaviour of trucks using Maddox St is illegal and can not continue or be allowed to continue. Our community are very concerned with the safety implications and illegal truck movements now.

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