

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

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I am writing to express my concerns with the westconnex project. My concerns include: 1. Cost and financial mismanagement. The budget increase is outrageous and either indicates total incompetence or deliberate misleading of the public. 2. The entire premise of the project - focusing on cars and toll roads when an efficient public transport system would be much better for long term, the environmental and also the attractiveness of living in western Sydney. Buses are not sufficient for mass transport and trains / underground is the only real solution. I live in Balmain and it takes normally 45 minutes to get into the city on the 441 or 442 which is ridiculous for the 4.5km commute. The westconnex may facilitate more cars getting to the city but what then? Anzac bridge is already at a standstill. I understand that the project will not improve travel times but simply stop them getting longer, but only for a few years. The project is short sighted and does little to improve the livability of Sydney now, or in the future.