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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX
PROJECT**

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I think it is extremely regrettable that such an expensive project has proceeded despite widespread community opposition. The lack of transparency and consultation with affected communities has been shocking. I for one would have needed a comprehensive explanation of the merits of Westconnex, including comparisons with alternatives such as improved and expanded public transport, before committing so much tax payer money. The critical reviews from the National Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit and Infrastructure Australia, as well as the State and Federal Auditor General leave me seriously concerned about the lack of due diligence that has accompanied this project from inception through to the present day. I remain unconvinced by the project, as the costs to our city's liveability - including reduced air quality and the massive loss of parkland, trees and valuable inner city land - far outweigh the realistic benefits.