

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT

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I submit to the inquiry my concerns regarding the the construction of Westconnex and the impact on on residential communities. I wish to reiterate the community anxiety over the impact of Westconnex, such as the result from dumping a projected 50,000+ cars onto Euston Road in Alexandria, and the RMS proposal to upgrade Euston Road to Anzac Parade. Communities will be ruined as a result. The determined efforts of the NSW State Government and the RMS to put progress ahead of health, safety and community at any cost is most evident in the planning and progress of Westconnex to date. Petitions signed by Alexandria residents reinforcing this concern and the request for the RMS to act on these concerns have been ignored or referred to other bodies such as City of Sydney, providing no clear understanding of what RMS and its traffic engineers are doing to review the impact on local residential streets and any proposed works to mitigate the safety of the community with the deluge of projected additional traffic and put some protection to the community in place. With the recent destruction of Euston Road by RMS to commence the widening of this road to Maddox St, the impact of Westconnex on my community has now become very real. The community needs to understand what measures the NSW State Government and the RMS is planning, and the time frame for the delivery of works to safeguard the community from the impact of Westconnex, as they need to be in place well before Westconnex is opened. I reiterate in my submission the broader community concerns that need to be addressed in this inquiry, being that Westconnex is inconsistent with the NSW Government's policy to reduce the number of cars coming into the city and to reduce congestion; there has been inadequate planning and changing outcomes and the current goals of the project are not clear; it has a flawed business case based on assumptions that are no longer valid; the serious threats to our city's liveability including reduced air quality and the massive loss of parkland, trees and valuable inner city land; and a serious lack of transparency and consultation with affected communities.