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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX
PROJECT**

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The Legislative Council, Committees
NSW Parliament
6 Macquarie Street, SYDNEY NSW 2000.

SUBMISSION – IMPACT OF WESTCONNEX PROJECT INQUIRY.

Dear Committee Members,

My family are residents and homeowner in Rozelle for the past 35 years. I am also an architect and understand the impact develop can have on the community. Rozelle is a cohesive inner city suburb with a vibrant and strong community. Rozelle's character and sense of place are unique and needs to be protected and nurtured for current and future generations.

Rozelle has historical and conservation significance and needs to be preserved. We the residents and citizens of Rozelle object to the proposal and do not want our suburb ravaged by such a badly conceived infrastructure proposal.

My family and I are completely opposed to the WestConnex proposal particularly the Stage 3 WestConnex M4-M5 link, the interchange "spaghetti" maze hub below Rozelle and my house, the unfiltered exhaust stack, the Iron Cove link tunnel and the second harbour tunnel.

We completely object and oppose the Stage 3 WestConnex M4-M5 proposal and list the following objections, impacts, concerns and points:-

1. No consideration has been given to public transport options. Sydney metropolitan area and it's people deserve a world class metro system; not more roads. Piecemeal light rail and tram lines do not go far enough in providing a truly efficient public transport system.
2. This project is way over budget and costing the people of NSW a fortune; it continues to escalate in cost with tax payers having to fund a project they don't want or need just so the government can keep their corporate friends happy.
3. Not just Sydney but all of NSW deserves a more equitable distribution of investment; particularly in health, education and regional infrastructure and development.
4. We are totally opposed to the WestConnex project and in particular the Stage 3 M4-M5 Link and interchange. We believe this proposal will have a devastating impact on our community, our health and our suburb; we are totally opposed to the planned traffic increases associated with the WestConnex proposals.

5. We are totally opposed to the Rozelle interchange, the Iron Cove link tunnel and the second harbour tunnel below Balmain.
6. The Rozelle interchange need to be scrapped entirely due to environmental, heritage and social concerns. And the devastating effect on our lives, our homes and our community.
7. We believe the only answer to Sydney's traffic chaos is to improve public transport.
8. Public transport needs to be the top priority for Sydney with a cohesive and extensive commuter rail network over and above more roads and freeways.
9. We need and demand a world class public transport network of rail, buses, light rail, etc to make this city function effectively; the existing road network is more than adequate and just needs to be managed properly.
10. We believe the whole proposal is a total disaster in terms of traffic management. The proposal will bring traffic chaos and congestion to our area. We believe the importation of traffic into the area from the M4, M5, CBD and the proposed new harbour tunnel will bring Victoria Road, Anzac Bridge and the City West Link into extended gridlock.
11. The proposal will cause significant pollution in Rozelle from vehicle emissions.
12. The proposal will pose a significant health risk to our community, local residents, the elderly, our children, local schools and pre-schools.
13. The tunnels and interchange need to be removed from the Rozelle area.
14. We are totally opposed to unfiltered smoke exhaust stacks.
15. The smoke exhaust stacks must be removed from the Rozelle area due to health concerns, visual pollution and heritage impacts. Rozelle Primary School is only 100m away from an unfiltered smoke stack. The other proposed stacks are less than a kilometer from residential areas.
16. The proposed second harbour tunnel under Rozelle and Balmain must be deleted or moved further west so that additional congestion to Victoria Road, Anzac Bridge and the existing city west link are avoided.
17. Should this proposal proceed; god forbid; than thorough dilapidation reports need to be carried out on all houses and buildings in the Rozelle area by independent dilapidation engineers and paid for by the State Government. And that ongoing vibration monitoring will be carried out during construction project period and beyond.
18. The proposal will cause significant vibrations during the construction period and likely will cause damage to my house and other dwellings and buildings in Rozelle. Compensation for damage caused and rectification and repairs to my property is to be guaranteed.
19. We would like guarantees that future traffic usage of the tunnels will not cause vibration and noise; and if so we should be adequately compensated.
20. Construction impact from noise, dust, vibration and long term construction times will cause disruption and inconvenience to people's lives as well as negatively impacting on the health and wellbeing of local residents.

21. Any proposed future tunnels should be confined below main arterial roads and unused lands to minimise the impact on local communities and suburbs; ie. Victoria Rd and the Rail Yards.

Our Key Issues are:-

1. **No consideration has been given to public transport options.**
2. **This project is way over budget.**
3. **This project is driven by big business and not in the public interest.**
4. **Regional infrastructure and development for all of NSW not just Sydney.**
5. **We completely oppose the WestConnex and the Stage 3 M4-M5 proposal.**
6. **We completely oppose the Rozelle interchange and the tunnels below my house.**
7. **We completely oppose the unfiltered exhaust stacks each side of Rozelle.**
8. **We oppose the Iron Cove Tunnel link below Rozelle.**
9. **We oppose the second harbour tunnel below Rozelle and Balmain.**
10. **We oppose the destruction of our suburbs; particularly Rozelle.**
11. **We demand an independently prepared detailed professional dilapidation report be carried out on our house.**
12. **We demand compensation should our house be damaged by this proposal.**
13. **We demand the State government compensate us for the loss of value of our property, stress and anxiety caused by this proposal, inconvenience and disruption to our lives, noise, vibration, 24 hour construction activity and loss of wellbeing and quality of our lives.**
14. **We demand that a world class metro system be implemented for the good of all Sydney commuters.**

We implore the committee to recommend the scrapping of the remainder of the WestConnex proposals and to implement the design and construction of a world class metro and public transport system.

Sincerely,