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INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT

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The whole WestConnex project is deeply flawed. As a Health professional with a Masters in Public Health I'm deeply concerned of the health impacts and the possibility of class actions in the future. The destruction of heritage suburbs and park lands is disturbing for community health and well-being. The lack of adequate compensation for the destruction of people's homes was appalling. Polluting toll ways with unfiltered stacks is definitely not the answer in a progressive society. We need a good public transport system with passive transport alternatives including safer alternatives for cyclists. The major flaws that also concern me are the following: It 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and the current goals of the project are not clear; It has a flawed business case based on assumptions that are no longer valid; The serious threats to our city's liveability including reduced air quality and the massive loss of parkland, trees and valuable inner city land; and A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. I hope you take my submission seriously. Kind Regards Karen Tok