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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX
PROJECT**

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The business case does not properly consider alternatives such as public transport and demand management. The budget is now \$16.8 billion – a 68% increase on the original estimate. It is diverting funding from public transport which is desperately needed across Sydney. Funding must be provided to improve and update public transport. It is more environmentally sound and contributes to future proofing transport in this city. WestConnex is inconsistent with the NSW Government's policy to reduce the number of cars coming into the city and to reduce congestion. Congestion will be increased and public transport options remain limited and outdated.

There has been inadequate planning, changing outcomes and the current goals of the project are not clear. We still do not know the route to be taken for the Rozelle Interchange and harbour tunnel. y.

The serious threats to our city's liveability including reduced air quality and the massive loss of parkland, trees and valuable inner city land; unfiltered emissions stacks are adjacent to densely populated suburbs and schools. WestConnex will turn Rozelle into a dumping ground for toxic exhaust fumes with three unfiltered exhaust stacks at the Rozelle Rail Yards and one at Victoria Road at Iron Cove Bridge just metres from homes and a primary school.

A serious lack of transparency and consultation with affected communities. Communities are still unaware of the impact to their community.

WestConnex won't solve our city's congestion problems but it will bring the destruction of homes and parkland, increased traffic and pollution, and it will fleece the people of Sydney with exorbitant tolls.