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## **INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT**

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Westconnex will not solve the problems of traffic congestion and opportunities for access to the city which it purports to. Instead, it will create more problems, such as huge financial pressures on commuters from the West who are least able to afford expensive tolls, an increase in car traffic which will gobble up the extra space created for cars, air pollution and an ugly city design on the rejected American model. That's apart from the stacks at Rozelle, an otherwise lovely part of the city.

The alternative is a liveable city with rapid, frequent public transport, lots of trees, relative quietness, clean air and a connected city with suburban hubs rather than an old-fashioned focus on the city centre.

Westconnex is the wrong answer for the future and we're paying 68% more than originally estimated for the privilege.

Further construction of this tollway should be stopped now.