

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT

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My concerns as a parent and resident of a densely populated Sydney suburb relate to the proposed location of unfiltered low vent stacks near schools, aged facilities, multi-storey apartments/homes and sporting playing fields.

There is public anxiety that the WestConnex M4-M5 approval process has been negligent, in not fully and openly addressing health and air quality issues.

The NSW Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant's report ('NSW Health review of response comments following the EIS response for Westconnex M4-M5 Link project') of 28/2/18 was never fully released to the public on the NSW Department of Planning's website.

Two pages of this report (pages 6 & 7) have been redacted and the last paragraph on 'Human Health Risk' is very short and does not appear to be complete.

- [WestConnex M4-M5 Health comments on SPIR.pdf](#) (3.905 MB)

Todoroski Air Sciences independent review of the air quality assessment of the M4-M5 project deemed the assessment as '**adequate**' only, and recommended a number of areas for improvement.

- [WestConnex M4-M5 Link Independent Consultant Peer Review Appendix F of EA Report Air Quality.pdf](#) (1.289 MB)

I suggest the Inquiry investigate whether the health impacts of this project have been fully investigated and whether the public has been given full and optimal information relating to air quality affecting our schools, aged facilities, houses and apartments which are located near unfiltered ventilation facilities.

The NSW Chief Health Officer and doctors with expertise in research in air quality/respiratory health eg Dr Ray Nassar, should be asked to give evidence to the Inquiry and provide an assurance that the proposed low, unfiltered ventilation stacks pose no risk to public health.

Granting approval to a multi-billion dollar infrastructure project based on an indicative design only (ie without knowing the exact location, without detailed design specifications and without proper transparency), gives the appearance of irresponsibility in the use of public money.

Thank you for enquiring into the impact of this project.

Yours sincerely

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