

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT

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I am writing to describe the hell i which I live.

As you can probably see by my address, I live right on the edge of what I call the 'Westconnex pit'. We have had no access to our own driveway for nearly a year now. Parking is near non-existent resulting in fines as road closures and no stopping/permit only areas change regularly. Getting cabs, Ubers, and even a simple home delivered meal is a nightmare. The dust.. oh the dust. I did not have hay fever before Westconnex started but now suffer daily. I am currently saving to move out as it has all gotten too much. The noise both day and night seems relentless at the moment. Westconnex actually bought our household sound-cancelling headphones this week for which I am grateful. However this really acts as an admission that the noise levels we are subjected to are not acceptable. All housemates are suffering mentally. It really wears you down living with that outside. The noise, the dust, and no foreseeable end point. We are still paying full rent which is probably down to our landlord and agent but it sucks. I wish them luck in filling the house at current price when we vacate. Westconnex' care factor has been steadily declining. When works started they bought our love with movie tix and westfield vouchers. But until the headphones this week we haven't been getting so ,much as an apology when we submit complaints. We get excuses about 'acceptable sound levels' and 'emergency works'. I really really hope that this project achieves what they have set out to do. Because it is literally ruining lives in the process. Days of work get missed after sleepless nights. I can't even write a cohesive submission because I am just tired of the whole thing. I have attended Westconnex Acton Group meetings and I really do admire their fight. I have tried to make complaints as I know that is all that will make what little difference can be made. But I will be honest... I have just given up at this point.