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

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Westconnex is a huge waste of public funds and a blight on the environment.

It will cause enormous damage to the environment of inner Sydney.

It will induce demand for private vehicle usage in inner Sydney given the corresponding lack of inducements to use public transport throughout metropolitan Sydney.

It will rapidly exceed capacity through the induced demand for vehicle usage and therefore will be completely ineffective in solving the congestion problem that it purports to solve.

Westconnex is an outmoded solution to the problem of private car usage that has been growing since it was expanded during the 1950's. Where modern cities throughout Europe, Asia and Africa have been developing public transport networks, NSW governments of all persuasions have abrogated responsibility for urban transport planning to the road lobby and RMS at the expense of social equity and urban quality. Sydney cannot be saved by increased car usage.

The only solution is greater investment in the proper design of a comprehensive metropolitan-wide public transport network that is focused on coverage, frequency of service and social equity.