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## INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT

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Would this government please accept that globally the trend is away from polluting motorways and towards recognition of global warming and the need to ameliorate it with forward thinking public transport options. It feels as though your government is still in the dinosaur age! You are steadfastly plowing ahead without the consent of the people---who pay your salary. Not for much longer.

Projects like WestConnex increase air pollution, encourage more car use, fleece road users with exorbitant tolls and eventually fill the increased road capacity they create.

WestConnex is shaping up as the most expensive road project in the world but it won't solve Sydney's congestion problem. I oppose this project because:

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.

A project of this scale, using taxpayers funds, should be subject to rigorous assessment but both the NSW Auditor-General and Infrastructure Australia have criticised the governance of this project.

Hundreds of homes, businesses and parklands will be compulsorily acquired.

It is diverting funding from public transport which is desperately needed across Sydney.

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.