

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT

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Re: the term of reference 'Any related matter'

Damage to property caused by WestConnex tunnel construction: Since the beginning of the construction of the tunnel from St Peters to Beverley Hills, cracks in my house, particularly in the main hallway and living room, have become visibly larger, and the concrete on my front steps has become more cracked and loose. Neighbours on Yelverton St have also reported the similar damage.

Air pollution: Since the beginning of WestConnex construction, the dust in the air has increased, as evidenced in the rapid build up of layers of dust on cars, and outside and inside houses. It takes only 2-3 days for surfaces to become filthy after being cleaned. I now need to clean my car windscreen every time I drive my car in order to achieve reasonable visibility while driving.

The two proposed unfiltered exhaust stacks close to the Princes Highway in St Peters present a health hazard to all local residents, and students and staff at St Peters Public School, where my two children attend. Filtering exhaust stacks is world's best practice, and it is unfathomable that the NSW Government is proposing so many unfiltered exhaust stacks in such densely populated suburbs in Sydney's inner west.

Disruption to roads and footpaths: The constant closure of roads and footpaths, and the destruction of footpaths has presented serious hazards to safe pedestrian activity. Week after week, while walking my children to school, we have to navigate new hazards, with inadequate pre-warning about changes. Footpaths are now so damaged on many local streets that they are dangerous for young children, not to mention wheelchair and pram users.

Speed limit on Campbell St (West): Many families need to cross Campbell St in order to get to St Peters Public School. The speed limit should be reduced from 60 to 40km/hr. This will be even more pressing when Campbell St is expanded to up to 6 lanes.