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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX
PROJECT**

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WestConnex is a massive over-investment in roads which should instead be used to invest in public transport.

My objections and concerns are 3-fold.

(1) It has been done with very little transparency and no proper consultation with the public or any clear cost-benefit analysis which takes into account the cost to the communities it drives great divisions through and exposes to pollution. It has been imposed on Sydney and its communities with no real evaluation of alternative options or even a full clear plan, at least none that has been publicly available of the all stages and who is to be affected both by trafic, disruption, congestion and pollution.

(2) It will lead to more traffic congestion, not less. It will have devastating impacts on our local communities and local amenities.

(3) Australia is still struggling to develop any sensible policies and practice around climate change and emissions, and our politicians have failed their constituents to provide any constructive vision for live-able cities and communities - with the exception of Sydney City Council and some independents. WestConnex will be a massive contributor to greenhouse gas emissions, to pollution and to congestion. Such road projects are inevitably 'filled' by cars. "Time to stop and go back" to the drawing board.

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