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

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I'm terribly concerned about the impacts that westconnex will have on my local area, and the health of my family. I live in the south end of Newtown, and have closely followed the development of Westconnex since it was first announced, watching the terrible impacts on friends whose homes were compulsorily acquired, and listening in horror as we realised the likely impacts on air quality during the construction phase AND once completed. I have primary school aged children, and there are very few families at their local school who have not been already impacted by this project, and are not fearful of impacts in the future. My faith in government processes has been significantly shaken in realising how little the lives and neighbourhoods of my local community matters to those making decisions about this project. The immense funds for Westconnex should have been invested in improving our public transport infrastructure, not in building yet another badly conceived roads project, which will only encourage greater car dependence, increased pollution, and worsen traffic congestion in the inner west and other parts of Sydney. I'm deeply disappointed in the lack of vision that is revealed by this investment, but incredibly distressed about what more cars, air pollution and reduced green space in my area will mean for my children's health, and the vitality of my local neighbourhood, in the coming years.