

**Submission
No 247**

**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX
PROJECT**

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Whilst I support the need for transformational infrastructure for the Sydney metropolitan area, including the Westconnex project, my submission is based on the impacts such projects have on the community.

As I make this submission, I can clearly hear the drilling taking place in the Westconnex tunnel which is directly under my property. This is nothing in comparison to when the road header was passing underneath our houses - this was a nerve-wracking experience for both myself and my dogs - which was akin to the rumblings of an earthquake.

Subsequent to that time, the impacts on me personally have been the damage to my property (wall cracking) and dust. So much dust.

I am concerned that I will not be compensated for my property damage. From the experience of other nearby neighbours with significantly worse property damage than mine, who have been denied assistance or compensation, I am doubtful my circumstances will result in a different outcome.

My other concern is around the long term health impacts of the dust that constantly pervades my home.

There seems to be a cone of silence from the Westconnex authorities regarding this issue.

I do appreciate the property dilapidation reports that have been and will be provided to residents at no cost, but surely there should be a similar health dilapidation report regarding the lung capacity of residents, before, during, immediately and well after this project.