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INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT

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To the Director,

Please find my comments on the Inquiry into the impact of WestConnex based on the Terms of Reference as follows.

I agree to my name being published.

(a) The adequacy of the business case for the WestConnex project, including the cost-benefits ratio

Have to look at the reserve bank, then budget then what happened here, to really know and then laugh....but I might laugh to myself. Because I didn't do maths I am just humanities 96.45 selective school. You should consult someone in investment banking and actuarial studies and finance and em I could see by pulling very superficial knowledge of the history of economics and its relation to governance mainly. If I was a tourist or worker here I would be asking every \$ i spent "what am I paying for" who are your stakeholders. They are giving you value.

(b) The cost of WestConnex project, including the size and reasons for overruns

Whoever was the person selling Australians mainly taxpayers that idea should be responsible for bearing the cost of having to own that idea. Reason for overruns in my understanding of government is people working with the Australian government are in cushy jobs in what their opinion is cushy. In my opinion it is not that fun slaving in an office where it is not inspiring just so your kids can eat. They have kids. So it is unlikely they will ever raise concern. Nobody wants to get blamed, it is very repetitive this "success has many fathers failure has none" and because of this knowledge and experience people are even afraid to try new things because of the use of the idea of the fear of failure especially with dumbed down mentality or disinterest or un appreciation for new idea thought and knowledge which makes people even fear more what they don't understand. Nobody wants problems yet everybody wants so much and expects so much. Had you laid a brick once in your life would you know the real cost of asking someone to do it for you. People making decisions on this are very far removed from the day to day of westconnex the deal. It depends on the leader.

(c) The governance and structure of the WestConnex project including the relationship between Sydney Motorway Corporation, Roads and Maritime Services, the Treasury and its shareholding Ministers

They probably would rather retire and go fishing, or go to art school or surf. The whole families. I would, so maybe they would what to too.

(d) The compulsory acquisition of property for the project

That sounds bad, it sounds like they just take your possssion or your house and go move. For some people if given enough money it is called the buyout woohoo party time move somewhere else for others they see that house as somewhat of a world heritage site in their mind.

(e) The recommendations of the Audit Office of New South Wales and the Australian National Audit Office in regards to WestConnex

You need to be audited or be subject to it. Look at it as an opportunity to be scrutinised by the other. It will keep you alert and relied upon then nobody will give you any more problems. Or give you the least problems as you are leading by example.

(f) The extent to which the project is meeting the original goals of the project as articulated in 2012

It would be the first time someone "stopped something dead in the tracks" to see. Why why not using our own resources of what happened since 2012. So it happened this idea. Again, my concern would be what do we do now? So invite young people under 35 with fresh brains to brainstorm and give them access to deal with this. It would be a good opportunity, to see what they would like probably peace and an access to a free education or have the opportunity to gain value to pay for one themselves thus lessening any conflict within self and their beloved,

(g) The relationship between WestConnex and other toll road projects including the Sydney Gateway, Western Harbour Tunnel, F6 and Beaches Link

Would not know need more info.

(h) The circumstances by which WestConnex and the Sydney Gateway were declared to be separate projects in 2017

It is a good idea, overwhelming ideas are what they are overwhelming.

(i) The cost of the project against its current valuation as determined through the sale of the Sydney Motorway Corporation and whether it represents a good investment for NSW taxpayers

Break it down for them if you can't explain it to a 5 year old you yourself do not know what you are saying.

(j) Any other related matter

I think it detracts from human social experience and divides communities rather than truly looking out for one another day to day and being tolerant of any situation that can occur. Westconnex from a philosophical perspective can disconnect people from the reality at hand and make them reliant on people they will truly not understand thus creating further conflict that is not inspiring at all. Reliable methods of public transportation create more of a community. Growing up reliant on public transport to get through my day studying at a selective school helped me to prepare self defence techniques and understand how to be resilient within any environment knowing the possible implication it might have on others. It does not seem to encourage love towards the idea of environments especially Australian land. How do we repair what the government did to that land is more urgent in my opinion. I lack knowledge of the complete concept in the why why not questioning before it was signed off but I would not act purely from a commercial privatised mentality especially when the community it affects really appreciates the underdog which is a team built literally from ashes and dust. Poor people. One needs to see all perspectives but mainly the people it will affect day in day out. Do you personally want to build that yourself? Do you personally want to ride in that day in day out? If the general consensus is yes then I would look at the environment. Then think again. Haste is not important. Real understanding of people and what keeps them healthy to be able to be content and work contently does if you have to work.

Environmental concerns, anything else has been isolated to its creator so they can take responsibility for its creation such as Harry Potter 5 or another shop or another school, or another nightclub or another restaurant. You affect the nature most so learn to live with it. My sense is that we are living on a type of environment to not adapt ourselves to it or work with it would be detrimental.