

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

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I provide this submission in opposition to WestConnex. As an inner-west resident who has grown up in the area it saddens me to see how this project provides no more than a stop-gap measure to the growing number of cars and in certain spots adds to the pollution of the local community, affecting the health of our residents, especially children and elderly.

I commute by bike because I am appalled by the number of cars on our roads and their impact on our air quality and broader environment. Yet the NSW Government regards the solution in terms of creating more roads, rather than alternatives to cars.

I implore the government to reconsider this strategy that is embodied in WestConnex and minimise any ongoing impact of this project.

To accommodate an increasingly population-dense Sydney we must look to investment in public transport and bikeways and limit, rather than expand, access to Sydney CBD by cars.