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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

Don't believe the project was properly researched and planned and not enough consultation.

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

Waste of public funds when I transport system is bursting at the seams and requires a complete overhaul.

(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

I believe this should be investigated as there is not enough transparency.

(d) The compulsory acquisition of property for the project

The way it is was done makes me feel ill and gives me anxiety. I don't believe the project was thought out properly and executed with honesty and integrity. It all needs to be investigated and people should be held accountable for their deplorable actions.

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

I believe everything to do with the Westconnex needs to be investigated.

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

It will not work as all the traffic comes out into roads that are already congested. The government should be spending the money on a world class public transport system.

(j) Any other related matter

I don't believe there was enough consultation with the community and the government kept us in the dark about their plans.

There is also no information on how the road is meant to relieve traffic as it comes out in already congested roads.

Also I am very concerned about the air quality. We have seen no studies in this and already the dust from the construction is creating a lot more dust in my house and outside and in my car. And I have had a lot of chest infections and sinus problems.

Also as a resident of Erskineville we don't know how it will impact traffic in our tiny labyrinth of heritage streets.

As for King Street shopkeepers don't know what the future holds.

The way people were pushed out of their properties is sickening.

The project was rushed and there has not been enough transparency.

Why is the government building a road system like this when our public transport system can't support the people of Sydney as well as it should be.

Everything is wrong about this project and it should be investigated.