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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

I think more benefits would come from spending the money on improving public transport.

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

The funding should be going towards improving public transport options into the city for people in the West, not more roads. It is ridiculous that so much funding has been poured into a project that so many people object to.

(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'm not too sure about this so I can't comment on it.

(j) Any other related matter

Just adding more roads will not solve the problem of traffic! It will just fill up the roads with more cars, and make traffic in the city so much worse as it will create a serious bottleneck. The construction has been awful around where I live and travel to work. I especially completely object to the construction that will go through Sydney park which is a greatly valued green space in my community. What funds should be going towards is improving public transport into the city. I believe Westconnex is a political ploy to get votes from Western Sydney but is not a well thought out solution to increasing access to the city and completely disregards the people living around where

the road will be. We have been saying all along that we do not want Westconnex and we deserved to be listened to.

Westconnex going through Sydney Park - I think it is disgraceful that valued green space in such an urban area is being cut into, completely disregarding the needs of the community