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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

dodgy as all hell. Smells of a deal done over lunch at a gentlemens club written on the back of a fag packet

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

amazing costs, could pay off 3rd world debt!!

(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

Secrecy rules. "Why do the plebs need to know whats going on". It was a done deal with no governance

(d) The compulsory acquisition of property for the project

Bullshit of the highest degree, all about power of the man

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

Scrap it now, instead prioritise public transport, education and health. Look how EU countries are spending on transport and see how backward westconnex looks

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

"scope creep"

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

roads for the rich

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

scope creep

(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

not in a million years. Top end of town is drooling

(j) Any other related matter

Billions of \$\$\$ tax payer money going to construction companies to build expensive toll roads few will be able to afford to use. Massive White elephant. It seems like a dodgy deal for the top end of town to line there pockets , masquerading as fixing a problem when missing the real target.

Better to prioritise public transport first then less people would need to drive.

I wish real planning for all people would occur . Not projects for top cats