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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

That it's untrustworthy and wrong.

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

I am deeply concerned and angered that such waste of money has been poured into this project instead of clean and better public transport.

(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

Inappropriate!

(d) The compulsory acquisition of property for the project

Wrong! Appalling that people have been evicted from their homes and communities to be distressfully placed in an area completely unknown to them especially in older age.

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

I don't know enough about this topic

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

It's not.

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

I thought a toll was a temporary thing to help pay for the costs aside from money that is paid in taxes. The fact that tolls never end and only increase makes it difficult for many to get around Sydney.

(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

No, it doesn't present a good investment for taxpayers, only those who are profiting from this heinous project.

(j) Any other related matter

That it isn't improving traffic, that pollution is increased, that too much money goes into the building of roads and tunnels instead of public transport that makes it affordable, cleaner and safe for all to move around their city.

The lack of good, clean, safe public transport.