

**Submission  
No 309**

**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX  
PROJECT**

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The Director  
c/- Legislative Council  
Standing Committee on Public Accountability  
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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**

There is no business case.

**(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**

The entire project has proceeded with no more than lip service in terms of 'consultation' with the community.

**(j) Any other related matter**

Encourages more cars (and fossil fuels) on the road when we should be doing the opposite, through much cheaper, more energy efficient, cleaner and effective public transport. Destroys communities and neighbourhoods through construction of roads that are costing people their family homes and businesses. A massive expense to commuters using the tolls, and a worsening of traffic on existing roads from those trying to avoid tolls. Pollution in the form of air, noise, and visual ugliness. Destructive to health. The entire project has gone ahead under a veil of secrecy, underhand deals, and in spite of enormous community opposition.