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INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT

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The Director
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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

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

Has it even been fully costed? It is a shambles of hearsay and piecemeal responses and reports. Impossible to even get a sense of if you don't dedicate hours of your week to it!

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

Full and comprehensive report that is clear, easy to read and readily distributed to Sydneysiders.

(j) Any other related matter

I am concerned about increased traffic and therefore air and water pollution across Sydney. The destruction of natural habitats for wildlife in the inner west is concerning, as is the destruction of green space that provides essential environmental benefits for people living and working in and around the city and greater Sydney. Without green space, temperatures increase with no respite from concrete and roads, the air has no way of being purified by presence of trees, there is less birdlife, bees and natural environment to sustain a local ecosystem.

I would love an increased focus on public transport, sustainable living practices and infrastructure that acknowledges the real threat of climate change and its detrimental effects now and in the future.