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## **INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT**

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**Submission to the Inquiry into the Impact of WestConnex**

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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.**

**(j) Any other related matter**

A) My impression is that the business case for WestConnex is deeply flawed. Firstly, because public transport alternatives have not been taken into account and the calculated cost-benefit-analysis is therefore lacking. Secondly, because the traffic modelling was not detailed enough to begin with but is significantly out of order since the removal of the Camperdown access ramps. For residents near the St Peters interchange like me, the impact of increased traffic in the neighbourhood will be devastating. The fact that unfiltered ventilation stacks are being planned near schools is just one example of the people's health and wellbeing not being taken into account.

B) I object to spending taxpayer's money on a road project with the above mentioned flaws. In addition to this, the cost of the entire project keeps rising every year and has already reached a level that is unfathomable when compared to other infrastructure projects of this size. Unfortunately we're a long way away from knowing the total cost of WestConnex.

C) Considering the inordinate spend on this project, it beggars belief that the NSW government was able to transfer the responsibility for this project from a public agency to a private corporation. The decision to take away public accountability for a project of this scale should be reversed.

D) The compulsory acquisition process was deeply flawed as has been proved by the government's own inquiry in 2014. Although I'm not personally affected by this, it is unthinkable that the NSW government can effectively steal from its own citizens by undervaluing their property.

E) The NSW Auditor-General's report showed several shortcomings of the project. The readily available public funding for WestConnex would not have been so easy to access if proper protocol had been followed.

F) The original reason for WestConnex - to have better access to Sydney Airport and Port Botany for Western Sydney - has been all but abandoned. This alone should have led to a total re-think of the entire project.