

**Submission  
No 330**

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

**Name:** Mr Nigel Cadogan

**Date Received:** 31 August 2018

---

August 2018

The Director c/- Legislative Council  
Standing Committee on Public Accountability  
Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000

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

**Name: Nigel Cadogan**

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**

From the few details made available, the project isnt justifiable .. leading to questions of cui bono

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

The lack of transparency about the business case, and management of the project, raise serious concerns about the probity of the development

**(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**

It is not clear to me what the relationship is, and i am suspicious of a government who establishes an entity the Sydney Motorway Corporation seemingly only to avoid responsibility and transparency

**(d) The compulsory acquisition of property for the project**

Han fisted and given the lack of rationale for the project foolish

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

Reinforced my scepticism about the NSW governments ability to select initiate and run major infrastructure projects

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

It isn't and that was predictable from the start

**(j) Any other related matter**

It's business case does not stack up

It has destroyed houses and parkland

It will dump a lot of traffic into Newtown and Marrickville streets, clogging up local arteries

For the money, major benefits could have been realised in public transport projects