

**Submission
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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

I don't believe that there are any real benefits of the project. The business case should never have been approved.

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

It's completely excessive, a massive waste of money.

(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

I don't believe it's been ethically handled.

(d) The compulsory acquisition of property for the project

A home owner should never have to deal with their home being taken from them or devalued because a government decides to build a road through their path. The cost of living in Sydney is already ridiculously high and people are struggling to rent and save and buy - this isn't what people expect to deal with once they own a home.

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

I don't think this project has clear goals, all it's achieving is inflicting stress and suffering on the communities it's destroying.

(j) Any other related matter

Declining health and well-being of the communities of Alexandria and St Peters in particular due to the air and noise pollution the increase in traffic will cause. Financial losses suffered by residents whose homes are being de-valued. What were walking villages will become congested major roads.