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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX
PROJECT**

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Impact of the WestConnex Project Inquiry

Please find my objections to the WestConnex project.

1. The huge impact on communities surrounding the project. Still more homes and parklands to be acquired.
2. Budget increase, possibly through poor and indecisive planning.
3. Money would be better spent on improved public transport.
4. Plan to privatise yet another asset that the community has paid for going to the benefit of developer mates.

Other comments

I attended the community feedback session at Balmain Town Hall Saturday 20th May, 2017.

Question: Where are the exhaust stacks for the Western Tunnel?

Answer: there will be one on the northern side at Warringah Interchange and another on the southern side in Rozelle railway yards.

Question: only 2 for a tunnel of this length compared to 2 large ones for the Harbour tunnel about one third or a quarter the length?

Answer: not my expertise, need to speak to someone else anyway it's still in the planning stage.

Question: and the dive sites where will they be?

Answer: not planned yet.

Comment: you mean it will be done on the hop like the dive site in Darley Rd which cost peanuts when purchased by Dan Murphy's while planning for Westconnex was well underway. *

Question: Is there an Environmental Impact Statement?

Answer: Yes this will be part of the planning process.

* we know the debacle that has happened there!!

From the Fact Sheet that day it seems that there is no advantage for Balmain/Rozelle and possibly a huge disadvantage as traffic seems to be funnelled onto the Anzac Bridge already at overcapacity. This is all a concept design for the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link with more "detailed reference design" to be issued by mid 2018.

Today one year later nothing has changed and things seem to be even worse with the cost blowouts and the plan to privatise yet another asset that the community has paid for going to the benefit of developer mates.

Thanks for this opportunity to comment