

**Submission
No 368**

INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT

Organisation: GreenWay Program

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This submission is made on behalf of the GreenWay Program and GreenWay Steering Committee.

It relates primarily to the M4/M5 Link. We request that the Inquiry consider the comments made in the attached submission on the M4/M5 Link which we submitted to the Dept. Planning and Environment on 13 October 2017, particularly in relation to the following recommendations:-

1. construct the Rozelle Rail Yards Link The GreenWay Program strongly supports the proposed Rozelle Rail Yards Link from the proposed Rozelle Rail Yards Recreation Area to the existing GreenWay at Iron Cove. This would facilitate an extension of the GreenWay from Cooks River to the Bays Precinct/Anzac Bridge and is consistent with recommendations in the Greater Sydney Commission's Green Grid proposals in the East Sydney District Plan.
2. reinstate Glebe Island Bridge as an active travel only link The GreenWay Program strongly supports reinstating the Glebe Island Bridge as an active transport only link from the existing Cooks River to Iron Cove GreenWay via the proposed Rozelle Rail Yards Link across Glebe Island Bridge to Pymont/Ultimo and the City.
3. maximise creation of new North/South land bridge links The GreenWay strongly supports the creation of new North/South links wherever possible eg the proposed land bridge to Bicentennial Park/Glebe Foreshore, to overcome the barrier effect of the City West Link and facilitate better active travel access from existing regionally significant recreation areas to the North (eg Callan Park/Iron Cove) to/through the Rozelle Rail Yards Recreation Area and existing regionally significant recreation areas to the South and East (eg Bicentennial Park, Glebe Foreshore, Blackwattle Bay)
4. establish a 'whole of government' Rozelle Rail Yards active travel planning and delivery program The GreenWay Program strongly supports the establishment and proper resourcing of a 'whole of government' Rozelle Rail Yards active travel planning and delivery program to be responsible for coordinating an integrated approach to the improvement of active travel links from all surrounding areas to/through the Rozelle Rail Yards Recreation Area over the short to long term. The program should include all relevant parties including (but not limited to) TfNSW, SMC, RMS, DPE (including NSW Government Architect), Greater Sydney Commission, Callan Park Trust, Inner West Council, City of Sydney and local cycling and community stakeholder groups eg GreenWay Steering Committee, Inner West Bike Alliance.
5. staged clearance of existing habitat (including weedy areas) and use of compensatory plantings. Where clearing of existing vegetation is required (including clearance of weedy areas), it is recommended that this be done in a sensitive, staged manner to allow existing, locally vulnerable bird and animal species to adapt to rapid change in their local environment/habitat. In cases where extensive areas of existing vegetation (including weedy areas) are to be cleared, there should be a requirement to compensate for this loss by the establishment of new native vegetation areas of equivalent size to the cleared areas, to provide adequate habitat compensation for locally vulnerable species eg small birds.
6. use recommended GreenWay vegetation species and extend green corridors wherever possible All revegetation and newly landscaped areas should use appropriate, native vegetation species (preferably sourced from local provenance), as recommended in relevant GreenWay bush care and revegetation guidelines (see www.greenway.org.au). During the establishment of new green active transport links eg the proposed Rozelle Rail Yards Link, appropriate landscaping should be used and new bush care plantings established wherever possible, to extend and enhance the existing Green Grid network, as recommended in the Greater Sydney Commission's Draft Central Sydney District Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Inquiry