

**Submission
No 404**

INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT

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That the Public Accountability Committee inquire into and report on the impacts of the WesrConnex project, including

1. The impact on the health of the people, especially **children**, on the increased rates of lung diseases including **cancers, especially lung, chronic obstructive airways disease, asthma and emphysema.**
2. the adequacy of the business case for the Westconnex project, including the cost-benefits ratio
3. **the obstruction and diversion of the underground water table flows, resulting in the raising of the water table which will impact the mainly 19th Century buildings foundations and walls**
4. the compulsory acquisition of property for the project at less than market value
5. the relationship of between Westconnex and other toll road projects including the Sydney Gateway, Western Harbour Tunnel, FL and Beaches Link
6. the destruction of seagrass beds and the liberation of toxic wastes (including making the use of Dawn Fraser Baths, Balmain dangerous to health) with the toxic plumes spreading across Sydney Harbour
7. the destruction of habitat of threatened native plants (aquatic and land) and animals, **including invertebrates, molluscs, marsupials, reptiles and birds**
8. the cost of the project against its current valuation as determined through the sale of the Sydney Motorway Corporation and whether it represents a good investment for NSW taxpayers
9. the proposed 4% a year in tolls even though the rate of inflation is lower
10. The circumstances by which Westconnex and the Sydney Gateway were declared to be separate projects in 2017
11. **the use of unfiltered exhaust stacks near schools – children being exposed to carcinogens which will cause increased rates of lung cancer when they are 40-50 years old.**

kindest regards alice kershaw