

**Submission
No 405**

INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT

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I wish to make the following submission to the Legislative Council inquiry into the Westconnex Project.

I respectfully submit my objection to Stages 3 and 4 of the Westconnex Project as follows;

1. The project was originally proposed to connect the airport and ports and it totally fails to do this.
2. There is a serious lack of transparency over the planning, construction and costing of the whole project. This secrecy has precluded proper public scrutiny and is against the public interest.
3. The business case is inaccurate and includes underestimates of the costs involved and overstatement of the benefits such as increase in traffic flows.
4. The unfiltered stacks are a serious danger to public health and are not in accordance with world standard best practice.
5. The proposed sale of the Sydney Motorway Corporation is against the present and future interests of the public. It removes what should be public assets from the control of Government now and in the future, and it could create a monopoly which could affect future tolls as well as public transport and infrastructure options.
6. The project is so costly that tolls will inevitably rise to the extent that many users will avoid tolls by taking other routes. This will cause unforeseen problems such as increased traffic in commercial shopping strips and residential streets, necessitating clearways and parking restrictions with the resultant losses and devaluations to businesses and residents. If this causes serious problems for citizens it is likely that this will end up as a charge on the taxpayer.

28 August 2018.

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