

**Submission  
No 411**

**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX  
PROJECT**

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To: The public accountability committee Regarding: Westconnex

I write expressing deep concern about what appears to be an inadequate plan to filter the exhaust stacks associated with proposed tunnels under Rozelle and Balmain

Local medical practitioners have noted the poor quality of air in our suburb. I have some close friends who are suffering from pulmonary disorders and who need to leave our area when the air quality indicators become dangerous. The absence of filtration will make this far worse. Poor air quality challenges the health of all of us. Some of the exhaust vents on the plan appear to be quite close to schools. The well-being about children must not be deliberately endangered.

I am aware that proper filtration will increase the cost of the project  
Yet it is obvious that no expense should be spared in order to ensure that air quality is maintained and not further compromised.

If Westconnex believes it is unable to achieve an appropriate cost benefit ratio once it has invested in effective air filtration then the project should not proceed. To repeat, unless air quality can be guaranteed within the anticipated cost benefit assumptions, then the project should be cancelled

Please acknowledge receipt of this submission

I would greatly appreciate information from you regarding your position on air quality

Sincerely

Margaret Vickers