

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX
PROJECT**

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To:

Public Accountability Committee Inquiry into and report on the impact of the WestConnex project

This submission relates the following:

(a) *the adequacy of the business case for the WestConnex project, including the cost-benefits ratio*

Westconnex was already announced and started before a positive business case was massaged into existence. It must be noted that it was not compared against the cost and effectiveness of other forms of transport. We can only assume that if it had it would most likely have been unsupportable. I also note the NSW Auditor General and federal Auditor Generals poor reports reflect poorly on the project

(b) *the cost of WestConnex project, including the size and reasons for overruns*

The cost of WestConnex has grossly overrun its original cost thereby throwing doubt on the whole rational and argument for the project/s. In fact it is not sure if it is one project or a series of rolling projects.

j) *any other related impacts*

a. The long term effects of the increase in air pollution due to projected traffic increase and the subsequent increase in mortality and economic loss associated with loss of air quality. Increased clusters of illness due to concentrated emissions due to tunnel stack. Australian research has been very poor in this area but international data on these effects is becoming overwhelming (eg UK).

b. The long term economic and social effect of not planning and building the needed mass transit infrastructure for the global 21st century city of Sydney and the nation, has not been factored into the cost of diverting scarce infrastructure funds to the economic side-show of toll roads.

Yours sincerely

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