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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX
PROJECT**

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Public transport costs & benefits have been ignored. Cost comparisons & benefits should have been analysed.

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WestConnex has already overrun its budget by billions of dollars but will it be used even by ordinary motorists because of the toll costs? It looks like a gift to the trucking industry.

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There is no way for the public to discover information about the project.

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My suburb of St Peters has already been ruined. Many houses (some of them of great historical value) have been destroyed.

The suburb is bisected by this motorway & pedestrian access from one side to the other will be severely restricted. For example, the local shops & schools are all on one side but on the other side, the station side, is where huge development of apartment blocks is taking place.

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Plans for WestConnex to continue to Mascot Airport & Port Botany appear to have been scrapped.

This at least gave SOME point to it but now there is none. Traffic will be dumped in St Peters with nowhere to go except to already highly congested streets. (King St., McEvoy St., Botany Rd. etc.

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There are worries over the particulates emitted by the stacks in the future but St Peters residents are even more worried by the current filth in their suburb that is being generated during this lengthy construction.

Every day our homes are invaded by grit, particles & a kind of black dust. This is the air we are breathing NOW ! I have been in constant contact with the public relations dept. of WestConnex. They say they will use water trucks & polymer coating for worksites but this is demonstrably untrue. The EPA once sent out a representative who apparently ordered the contractors to clean up a footpath but I have heard no more from them.

This whole project is a disgrace. To destroy an inner city suburb, to create traffic hazards, to put the lives of residents at risk.....all this for the sake of drivers from outside the suburb gaining a few moments travelling time.

Thank you,