INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT

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To whom it may concern.

My partner and I have been working residents of Applebee street for the past 10 years. Over this time we have come to greatly value the community that lives here and that we see and interact with every day as we come and go to our studio.

As the westconnex project has gained momentum over the past year we have experienced increasing levels of frustration.

Frustrated with access and poor traffic management (including blockage of roads with ineffective way finding for detours resulting in people driving the wrong way down applebee street (a one way street) to arrive at their destinations. We have a 6 year old child who more often than not will accompany us to St peters. Growing up, spending much of her time in and around the neighbourhood she has an ingrained sense of the local traffic directions – it may be a matter of time before an absoloute disaster occurs where children, trusting their learner behaviours and not being 200% careful will charge in to the street just as a car avoiding the ill managed westconnex traffic mess will be coming down the wrong way. Frustrated also with the high levels of dust in the air – often you can feel it gritting in your teeth! Our child has endured weeks of persistent and recurring coughs that I am alarmed to think are probably connected to the terrible air quality she is being exposed to. Like many of the other residents who have thus far to remained here we do not have many other options.

Frustrated with OUR taxes being spent on this colossal mistake that is already breathing toxicity in to the community before it has even matured in to the monster it promises to be.

Please – if this ridiculous project cannot be completely halted by now – at the VERY LEAST make an effort to **CLEAN** the air erupting from the ventilation stacks (exact future location unknown despite much anticipation!!!). There are people here in the shadow of the dust and future smog. Families, kids, elderly and people who work here and have been embraced in to this beautifully eclectic community.

You have no right to ruin our lives and our health!