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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX
PROJECT**

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To Whom It May Concern,

Parliamentary Inquiry into WestConnex

I am truly disappointed to say that we have had no luck with Westconnex and they have decided to close the chapter to a book that has not yet been finished.

We have been seeking assistance from Hon. Ayres' office however have been advised that they will take the advice that they have received from Westconnex where Fulton Hogan have stated that the state of my home has had nothing to do with the heavy construction work which was conducted across the road from our home back in 205. And therefore representing the Premier's office and their office, they have deemed that the matter is closed.

The matter, in our opinion, is FAR FROM CLOSED.

It's been 3 long years and it seems everyone else have been able to get on with their lives as if nothing has happened. Except something huge has happened .. by huge, I mean the cracks that have appeared in our home and for us, we have had to continue to walk into our home everyday and we have to live with the cracks that started when the road works started and they haven't stopped.

Fulton Hogan was quick to advise that if they are continuing and the work has stopped that it clearly has nothing to do with them. It seems absurd that it was merely a coincidence that this started when the road works started and when the heavy machineries were being brought across the road from our home and to have them dig through for the expansion of the M5.

I would like to have our book re-opened and have everyone read exactly what has happened to our home and to our lives. Only when all have been fixed can I agree to bring this book to a close.

It's a story that has to be told of hardworking citizens who have done nothing wrong and don't deserve to have their homes in the state that they are in.

It's truly unfair and unjust and the big companies will need to reconcile the fault and fix what have been broken.

We have had the NSW Department of Planning and Environment connect with us to assist with our home. We would have the opportunity to meet with our Independent engineers to discuss the report we received from Inglis Engineering. However upon

asking for more information, we were advised as per the note below which added insult to injury:

I apologise if there has been a miscommunication.

This offer is to provide you with a forum including RMS, the Department of Planning and the author of the Inglis Engineering report.

The purpose of the meeting would be for the engineer to respond to any questions you have, and for them to provide an explanation of the findings in the technical report. The report will not change, and the author will not be amending the findings of the report.

Regardless of your decision now about whether you would like this meeting, the offer will be available for you to take up for the foreseeable future if you change your mind.

We are to use our time to discuss a report where it will not change - kindly advise whether you would choose to invest any of your time to a meeting where the outcome would be exactly as what it was prior to the meeting taking place?

I will be the first to put my hand up to speak to anyone who is willing to help ... Thus far, it's not gotten us nowhere .. not anywhere close to getting anything fixed. In fact we couldn't be further from the meeting with Hon. Ayres' office and further from the request that we had sent to request for the engineers to come and recommend HOW our homes can be fixed .. NOT to have engineers come and tell us that because of a tree and a tap that the cracks have appeared .. could this be the furthest thing to being the biggest joke of the century?

It's not nice to be taken for fools and we certainly don't appreciate it. In the last 'independent' assessment it's allowed the likes of Inglis Engineering to come and find reasons why the cracks have appeared and reasons why it's got nothing to do with Westconnex. Please please make this nonsense stop and please bring someone with some sense to the party and to join us to help us have this matter resolved and fixed ASAP.

I've mentioned it before in my first letter to the Premier .. and I will mention it again ... We are the David in this story and the Goliaths of this story should be held accountable ... we are willing to fight and ensure that we win this battle .. it isn't right and it isn't fair and it really upsets me that we have to actually fight Westconnex and the Premier's office over the state of our home. They need to be held accountable and they can't walk away with the damage that we have to endure on a daily basis.

They should be ashamed and they should be embarrassed that there isn't an ounce of care or duty of care to the citizens that continue to work hard and contribute to the state of affairs for the state.

We are still hopeful and continue to believe that this will be fixed.

We request that the Committee intervene to compel WestConnex to comply with the obligation to repair properties that they have damaged.