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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX
PROJECT**

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To Whom it May Concern. I write to you as one of many concerned residents of Haberfield who have been severely affected by the Westconnex construction.

From the moment this began we have had many discussions with Westconnex employees, we have listened repeatedly to many assurances about our concerns..these have in actual fact been misleading and often outright lies..we are never given a straight answer that has been followed through with any truth.

My family and I have endured endless sleepless nights, I have four adult children who are all studying, and also have to work, each of them, have, over the past two years had periods of intense stress for University and H S C trials and exams. My husband has to leave for work at about 6am daily after little to no sleep.

Out of intense sleep deprivation from the continual noise of night construction work, we have had to resort to taking medications to assist us to have some sleep. We have noticed an increase in general fatigue and sickness for all of us including migraine headaches from the upheaval and stress. At one point we had to relocate to various hotels out of our suburb to try and get a nights sleep which was completely unbeneficial.

I have lived in the inner West for all of my life. We have had to watch as our lovely tree lined suburb has been ruined, instead of park land views we now look upon a concrete wall, a wall that residents requested be topped with perspex to allow in some sunlight. This was refused. We were believing for a certain amount of area for garden beds to improve the aesthetics. It appears the bulk of flower bed space has been allocated to the City West Link side of the wall to make it look beautiful.. clearly the view and space for the residents on the other side of this wall is of little consequence to Westconnex.

We have been subject to constant street blockages and changes in traffic conditions causing appalling delay and adding stress to our lives. I have an infirm elderly mother who I am a Carer for and she regularly needs me to come to her on short notice, what once took five minutes to drive to her now takes anywhere up to twenty minutes, and is really unacceptable and very stressful for her and myself.

To conclude it's very difficult to convey in a short letter the horrendous impact that the Westconnex have had upon myself and my family and of course our local community.

The things I've mentioned are but highlights or should I say lowlights we've endured over the past two years.. I haven't mentioned the filth from the dirt and dust from the work sites and the question on everyone's mind as to how much our properties have devalued thanks to Westconnex.

Your Sincerely