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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX  
PROJECT**

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As a local resident I am extremely concerned and alarmed at impact of WestConnex on the local community.

I am not against road tunnels per se, however, WestConnex Stage 3 suffers from multiple problems:

- The planning approval is based on a one page description, meaning no-one knows what has been approved for construction, yet it has already been approved. This is contrary to the purpose of our planning system.

- The tunnel exhaust stacks will be located very close to homes and schools. It is unconscionable for a government that is elected to serve the people of NSW to deliberately take action that is known to negatively impact the health of those people. Studies from Lane Cove Tunnel showed air quality significantly decreased for those living near the exhaust stacks.

Other cities around the world use in-tunnel filtration, yet this has not even been considered or costed for WestConnex (and if it has been costed this analysis has not been released publicly for scrutiny).

- The impact of tunnel construction will add 20,000 trucks to the already crowded roads (eg. Anzac Bridge). There is no bus lane on the Anzac Bridge meaning even those wishing to escape the traffic via public transport will be impacted.

- The cumulative impacts of all of the projects in the area are never assessed or considered. Multiple existing and future projects are each assessed individually but never together, meaning the outcomes for residents are never truly considered and feedback is never addressed.

For example, the following items all add to traffic congestion, noise pollution and/or air pollution in the area:

- Population growth in the area through births and immigration
- Cruise Development Plan increasing the use of White Bay Cruise Terminal
- Glebe Island Multi-User facility (more ships and construction activity)
- Sydney Metro City & Southwest using White Bay as a truck staging area
- WestConnex Stage 3 construction (exact location and impact unknown)
- Western Harbour Tunnel construction
- Sydney Metro West construction

This is quite the list with a very significant impact on local residents yet the cumulative impacts of these projects has not been considered.