

Submission
No 467

**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX
PROJECT**

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Please find below my submission for the Inquiry into the impacts of the WestConnex project.

WestConnex will not solve Sydney's transport problems and overall lack of world-class public transport. In my own research, I found persuasive the 'Strategic Review of the WestConnex Proposal' commissioned by the City of Sydney in 2015, which concludes (on p. 44) that the 'ability for WestConnex to respond to Sydney's challenges is tenuous' because it does not 'fully align with the needs of Sydney during the 21st Century'.

I oppose this project because: The business case does not properly consider alternatives such as public transport and demand management.

The budget is now \$16.8 billion – a 68% increase on the original estimate.

A project of this scale, using taxpayer's funds, should be subject to rigorous assessment but both the NSW Auditor-General and Infrastructure Australia have criticised the governance of this project.

Hundreds of homes, businesses and parklands will be compulsorily acquired.

It is diverting funding from public transport desperately needed across Sydney.

WestConnex will turn Rozelle into a dumping ground for toxic exhaust fumes with three unfiltered exhaust stacks at the Rozelle Rail Yards and one at Victoria Road at Iron Cove Bridge just metres from homes and a primary school.

Thank you for reading my submission.

Best Regards,