

Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX
PROJECT**

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- I believe that the business case does not properly consider alternatives such as public transport especially the alternative of a proper metro system for the linking the inner and outer suburbs.
- The budget is now \$16.8 billion – a 68% increase on the original estimate. I believe that a project of this scale, using taxpayers funds, should be subject to rigorous assessment but both the NSW Auditor-General and Infrastructure Australia have criticised the governance of this project.
- this project will involve hundreds of homes, businesses and parklands to be compulsorily acquired. This is diverting funding from public transport such as an underground metro that will much better enhance access around Sydney.
- It appears from Government statements that once finished - after using public fund for the risk part - it will be sold to private enterprises who will, as with other toll roads, be 'guaranteed' profits, which appears yet another example of the public picking up losses while the private sector picks the profits.
- if it is such a good financial deal it should be kept to help NSW state coffers and if it is not then it should not be continued.