

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

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I have issues with a number of aspects of the project :

- 1) The sheer amount of dust and dirt has prohibited myself and family members from using our outdoor area and we are forced to keep windows and doors closed
- 2) Trucks and utes in idle 24/7, both day and night is extremely irritating and causing us to be sleep deprived.
- 3) The closure of our street when ever WestConnex deems suitable, pretty much impossible for us to access our home and we are no longer able to have visitors as they never know whether they will be able to access our residents, this has made us feel isolated from friends and family causing us depression
- 4) lack of true community engagement or consultation - it's a tick a box exercise
- 5) lack of respect for locals who are significantly impacted - ie ear plugs being distributed when major works are being carried out at your doorstep.
- 6) lack of transparency
- 7) lack of engagement and dialogue with other departments .i.e WestConnex , RMS, Sydney Water, Ausgrid failure to communicate with each other, which results in multiple road closures often at the same time (making it a maze to get home) and increasing congestion on local roads. Along with the same sections of roads being dug up multiple times due to failure to communicate.
- 8) Western Sydney residents will receive a discount on registration due to Tolls, our entire suburb is dug up and we receive ear plugs for the inconvenience
- 9). Blatant lies about the benefits our community will receive, 16.8 Billion dollars is not being spent in order to create green space. The Artist impressions should reflect what the project will Indeed look like once complete .ie there is more pedestrians in the images then cars, when we know that 60,000 additional vehicles per day are expected to use the road that currently handles 6,000. Also the trees in the images are mature trees and not what will be planted.
- 10) The pollution from the spaghetti junction is going detrimental impact our life and has caused huge dent in property values, we are unable to sell as access to our homes is pretty much impossible for the next 5 years