

Submission  
No 486

**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX  
PROJECT**

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Dear Public Accountability Committee, Please consider my submission against the terms of reference (letters reflect those in the terms of reference list:

(a) the cost:benefit ratio, for the general public are woeful. For the self interest of businesses involved the ration is good. Increased traffic congestion, increased trucks delivering to Port Botany and airport, increased air pollution at roadside and vent stacks and during construction, increased environment impact during and ongoing after construction: increase in greenhouse gas emissions, land temperature increase, huge waste in materials, increased run off and pollution to waterways, a wide hostile impediment to pedestrians, loss of bus stops so using public transport becomes harder and less effective, road widening and demolition of buildings will bring the road closer to my house increasing long term and construction noise pollution for which no compensation has been offered. Families living in houses effected by the project are carrying the financial and emotional/wellbeing cost burden of this project, with zero public benefit.

(d) the inadequate compensation offered to property owners suffering a forced acquisition is unconscionable- families who can't afford to stay in the suburb - that should be illegal. The government should be paying property owners and business owners more than market value to compensate them for the upheaval and what has been grotesque treatment of NSW citizens in this unplanned, unforeseen predicament

(j) very poor, non transparent presentation of the proposal and it's impacts from the outset. The marketing spin was evident at all the 'consultation' sessions which were really propaganda. Questions for engineers and designers were answered by PR staff with false and baseless reassurances. All drawings were conceptual, photo montages were misleading and merely a smokescreen to the presentation of the facts. Transport needs to be taken away from politicians. In summary WestConnex is ugly, polluting, cruel, stressful, socially isolating, wateful, hot, congested, destructive.