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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX
PROJECT**

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Response to Inquiry into the impact of the WestConnex Project

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Dear Chair, Deputy Chair and Members,

Although I am thankful for the opportunity to make a response to this inquiry It is with great disgust and frankly anger that I as a community member have seen first hand the outright deception displayed by SMC and by extension government in it's community consultation process regarding WestConnex.

It is abundantly clear now that community misleading representations from SMC constitutes misleading and deceptive conduct.

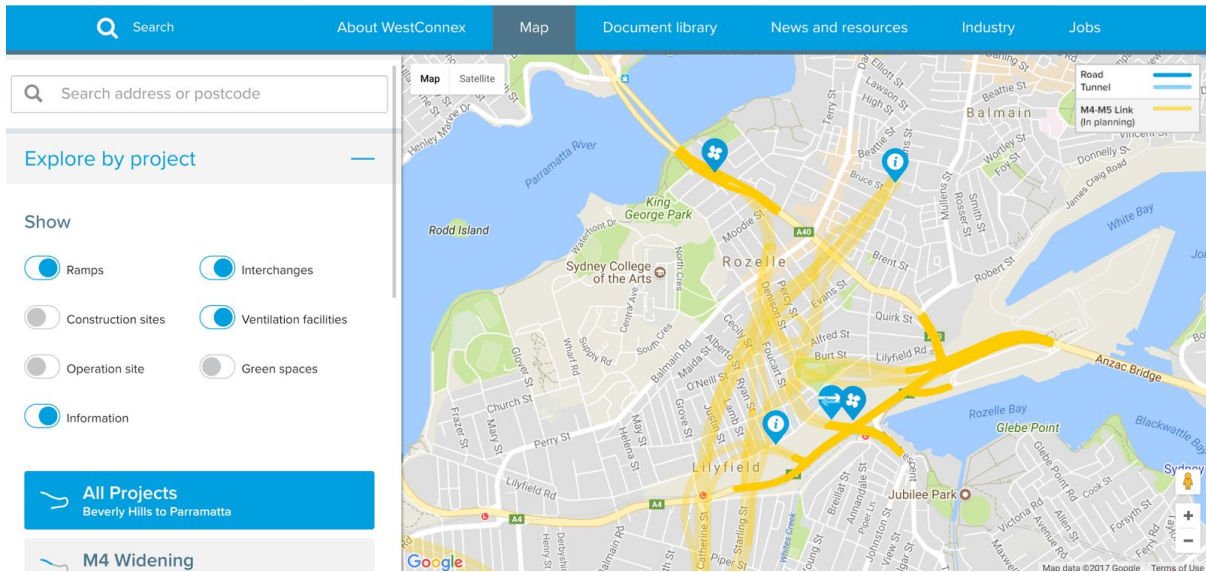
Online Maps are Misleading and Deceptive - do not actually show number of stacks in Rozelle Rail Yards

Again, by showing only a single 'fan' icon in Rozelle Rail Yards SMC creates the impression there is only a single smoke stack in Rozelle Rail Yards.

This can only be considered misleading and deceptive behaviour.

Not until inspecting plans in large pdf do you become aware there are actually 3 separate stacks in Rozelle Rail Yards.

This is incredibly misleading and deceptive to the community.



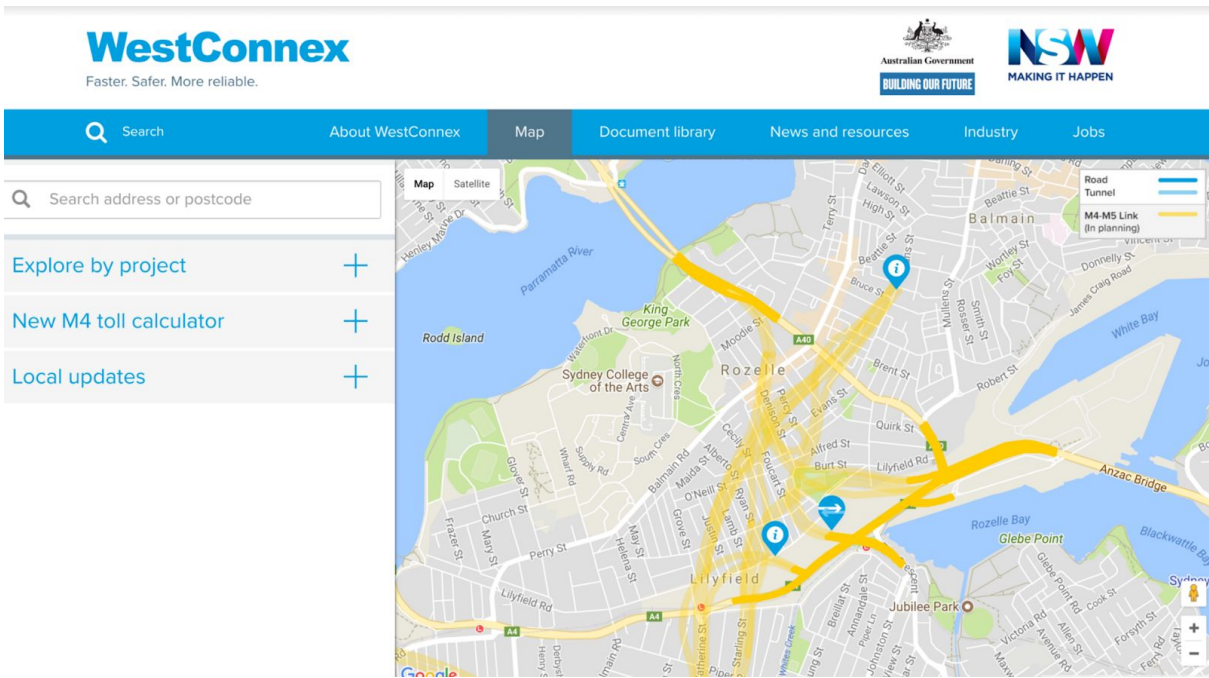
SMC Online maps hide locations of ventilation stacks by default.

When viewing online maps (<https://www.westconnex.com.au/map>) SMC hides locations of ventilation stacks by default.

SMC knows ventilation stacks are controversial and locations are likely the largest concern for the community.

Only by navigating to 'Explore by project' and selecting to show ventilation facilities can you see their location.

Turning off the display of stacks by default is likely an intentional effort to minimise community awareness of the stacks.



SMC Community update maps are misleading and deceptive.

We received one letterbox newsletter re WestConnex from SMC.

It shows a map with a single 'fan' icon on Victoria Rd and a single 'fan' icon in Rozelle Rail yards. Reasonable interpretation was there would only be one stack in the Rozelle Rail yards.

Not until inspecting plans in large pdf do you become aware there are actually 3 separate stacks in Rozelle Rail Yards.

This is incredibly misleading and deceptive and is likely done to minimise community awareness of the true scale and number of stacks proposed for Rozelle.

This is akin to making a development application for a six story building however in the 'Notice' to affected neighbours only showing two stories.



Conclusion

1. SMC through it's misleading and deceptive conduct is an unfit organisation for such a project.
2. The approval of this project is forever tainted by these mis-representations.
3. Given this clear and repeated misleading conduct it all claims made by SMC supporting it's application should be viewed