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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX  
PROJECT**

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I am concerned as a long time resident of inner city Sydney that the impact of the WestConnex will seriously harm the health of residents and the environment. It will diminish residential amenity as it continues to focus on private car use instead of public transport. Our responsibility is to improve the environment for future generations. However short sightedness on the part of governments has continued to lead us down the path of more motorways as a solution to Sydney's congestion. The Eastern Distributor and the M5 are excellent examples that show no matter how much money is put into motorways they inevitably become public cars parks at peak hour in very short time. The Eastern Distributor has caused massive congestion in local communities as it has encouraged car use to use roads that cut expensive polluting swathes through communities. Please stop this ridiculous pandering to the motoring vested interests and start thinking about what is best for the public. There has been very little information made available to the public as to the impacts of this massively expensive project that is doomed to be a failure as all the others have been. The lack of detail for affected communities and the lack of independent oversight has been an insult. The destruction of open space and tree cover is a damning indictment at a time when we are looking at the inevitability of human induced climate change and increased urban heat-island effects. Trees will save us and cars will doom us.