

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

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I would like to make a submission for the inquiry into the impacts of the WestConnex project.

Sydney is a modern, world class city. We need a functioning, efficient affordable public transport system that takes cars off the road, creating better air quality and a more sustainable future.

WestConnex increases air pollution, encourages more car use, taxes road users with exorbitant tolls and creates more traffic noise and pollution, not less. .

WestConnex is shaping up as the most expensive road project in the world but it won't solve Sydney's congestion problem. I oppose this project because:

The business case does not properly consider alternatives such as public transport and demand management.

The budget is now \$16.8 billion – a 68% increase on the original estimate. This is outrageous and should not be foisted into the NSW taxpayer.

Both the NSW Auditor-General and Infrastructure Australia have criticised the governance of this project.

Hundreds of homes, businesses and parklands will be compulsorily acquired. This has fractured communities and created unpleasant, dangerous conditions for the houses in and around the construction.

It has diverting funding from public transport which is desperately needed across Sydney.

WestConnex will turn Rozelle into a dumping ground for toxic exhaust fumes with three unfiltered exhaust stacks at the Rozelle Rail Yards and one at Victoria Road at Iron Cove Bridge just metres from homes and a primary school.

Westconnex is an an example of a backward looking government project, which relies on old norms rather than newer, cleaner greener ways of living.