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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX
PROJECT**

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Attention Secretary, re WestConnex M4/M5 EIS

SUBMISSION OF OBJECTION TO WESTCONNEX M4/M5 LINK EIS

I am very grateful for this parliamentary inquiry as it gives me an opportunity to voice wholeheartedly my objections to Stage 3 of the Westconnex. I make these on a variety of grounds.

On a personal level.

I have been a resident of Rozelle for 20 years. I chose to live here because it is a beautiful, clean, well-located and historic suburb with a good bus system and tremendous sense of community. I am deeply concerned about the health effects of vehicular pollution if Stage 3 goes ahead. My understanding is that it will exceed world standards of emissions. I am shocked that there is no proposal for proper ventilation systems in the tunnels nor to filter the three exhaust stacks. As an asthma sufferer, if they proceed without filtration of the exhaust stacks, I worry that the air quality will be such that I will most likely be unable to continue to live in this neighbourhood. The health impacts are real – leading to premature death. Air quality should be taken very seriously.

On a community level.

It has been most upsetting to see the compulsory acquisition of homes, businesses and parklands. The popular Bay Run will be impacted by the proposed unfiltered exhaust stack at the Iron Cove Bridge.

On a practical level.

\$16billion seems like an exorbitant amount of our money to spend on roads that won't go towards solving congestion in Sydney. Why is money being spent on old-fashioned 'solutions' when it could be subsidising an upgrade of our public transport system? In addition, the huge costs in tolls for the user will make the use of these roads prohibitive.

I strongly urge you to examine this project and trust that you will consider some viable alternatives.

Yours sincerely