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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX
PROJECT**

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At up to \$50 billion, WestConnex is one of the most expensive road projects ever undertaken in the world.

A project of this scale, funded by taxpayers, should be subject to the most rigorous assessment and quality assurance processes available. However it has been independently verified that there has been a shocking lack of due diligence and rigour.

The National Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit and Infrastructure Australia have all criticised the project and both the State and Federal Auditor General have raised serious concerns.

On top of that, the business case for WestConnex makes clear it will dramatically increase congestion in our area by bringing 120,000 additional vehicles daily through the St Peters interchange. This is a significant threat to our future liveability and to investment in the city centre and the Green Square renewal area.

The last business case showed that on key corridors using public transport will be quicker than using WestConnex – so why is the Government pushing ahead with this flawed project?