INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT

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Dear Committee Members

We would like to ask the Committee to consider the attached response we received in our mailbox on 10 September 2018, as an addition to our submission that was filed on 29 August 2018.

Why it is a necessary addition to the submission
As you will see from our submission, one of the issues we raised was the lack of response to some of our letters to the Premier and others. The letter received on 10 September 2018 appears to be a combined response to our correspondence. We are sending it to the Committee so that the position we outlined in our submission remains factual.

Brief comments about the response of 10 September 2018
Despite the time and effort we have spent on detailing our issues and concerns highlighted in section 3 of our submission, the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) appears to have ignored, once again, everything we have put to it. It is claiming that we have not accepted offers of acoustic treatment because it does not include air conditioning. As our detailed submission shows this is factually wrong.

The RMS has also ignored our concerns that the information we have been provided with about the mechanical air ventilators is flawed. The RMS is again referring us back to area we are complaining about. That is, the area lacks the expertise to deal with our concerns.

It is also extremely difficult to describe how it feels to be dismissed in this way by the RMS, and it seems, on behalf of the Premier, the Minister for WestConnex and the Board of the Sydney Motorway Corporation.

We are not being seen by RMS, the Premier, the Minister for WestConnex and the Board of the Sydney Motorway Corporation as human beings. Human beings with legitimate issues.

Thank you again for taking the time to consider our submission.

Yours sincerely

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