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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX  
PROJECT**

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# Public Domain and Residential Impacts

## Supplementary Submission to [Inquiry into the Impact of the Westconnex Project](#), Public Accountability Committee, NSW Legislative Council

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### 1. Poor Public Domain Outcomes

Please consider this additional information as another example of the poor public domain outcomes of Westconnex.

Noting that the speed limit on Parramatta Road at this location is 60kmph, cyclists and pedestrians will be at risk on Parramatta Road between Chandos Street and Bland Street, Ashfield.

Also dangerous for Pedestrians Crossing Chandos Street to negotiate traffic coming off Parramatta Road and adjacent Driveway at intersection of Chandos Street.

### 2. Impact on Start Up & Small Businesses

Small business operators in Ramsay Street Haberfield have had to contend with excessive noise, dust, frequent power outages due to nearby construction errors, removal of customer parking for locals to access business, movement of bus stops, time lost and wages wasted due to construction interruptions with traffic and street closures.

### 3. Insufficient Noise Treatment during construction and for operation

Properties now on Parramatta Road Ashfield have lost the noise barrier of the row of buildings that were demolished.

Noise impacts residents in Northcote Street Haberfield and they have had to install their own soundproofing.

### 4. Impact of Rat Running of Traffic through Local Streets, trying to avoid congested major roads.

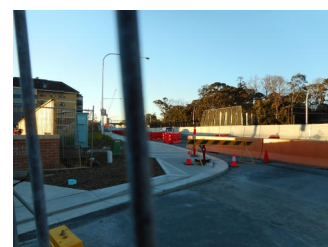
Concerns that traffic will be congested as it tries to avoid the tolled tunnel and will rat run through Chandos Street and Northcote Street

### 5. Construction and Operation Impacts on Properties at the corner of Chandos Street and Parramatta Road

- Headlights of traffic on Parramatta Road intrude into bedrooms and living areas
- Water mains diversion affected residential telecommunications at the intersection of Chandos St and Parramatta Road.
- Trees on private property were damaged and had to be removed
- Fences were removed and yet to be replaced.
- Acoustic treatment failed to affect vibration and noise issues (The Westconnex M4 East ONVR was overdue and only published on 20 August 2018)
- Temporary noise barriers along Parramatta Road helped during construction but were removed when road became operations
- Kids and Parents had to cope with big detours to public transport and schools



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