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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX  
PROJECT**

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“Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am here to talk about why I think WestConnex is a bad idea.

I live in the Inner West and from my experience West Connex has caused me nothing but trouble. Recently the M4 has been widened and is now a toll road. The idea was to reduce the traffic on Parramatta road, the outcome however has gone completely in the other direction. Before the M4 was widened, my mum traveled to and from work quickly and efficiently, drove me to swimming classes and dropped me off at my drama clubs on the weekends. Now, even for a short trip, we need to pay in excess of 4 dollars. Therefore we have resorted to travelling on Parramatta road every single time.

The WestConnex website would tell you that it will “bring communities closer together”, however it has completely glossed over the fact nearly 500 houses and businesses have been demolished in the process and that is in fact tearing the communities apart.

We also have another problem. Greenhouse gasses!!! The current government has seemingly forgotten about how much more greenhouse gasses will be flung into the atmosphere because of the encouragement of more cars on the road and the longer commutes that are being created because of the tolls and people using other roads.

Will I live in a future where I will have to buy oxygen tanks for my home because of the abundance of pollution in the atmosphere? Public transport is the best solution to the problem and the parliament is discarding it. That would create a lot of jobs and create a better future for far longer than WestConnex. The taxpayer’s money is literally being spent on parks being destroyed and trees and homes torn out to make way for a very costly, and probably useless motorway upgrade. I hope the government will listen to us and change their plans before Sydney is ruined forever!”

Speech made at the Town Hall Lantern March for No Westconnex/ Fix NSW Transport on 11.8.18 by 13 year old \_\_\_\_\_  
- Inner west resident.