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INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE ROZELLE INTERCHANGE

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One of the many problems is the Ventilation Tower which isn't filtered

Thanks for a good outcome

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Campaign Against Asbestos Landscaping

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Communities in Sydney have suffered mental and physical stress as a consequence of the above. We thought it was all over when the Interchange opened, but no, cheap landscaping left us with asbestos mixed mulch. In some cases BONDED but in some parts along Victoria Road Rozelle, FRIABLE.

John Holland moved in and our lives were never the same...

My first eye opener into the WestCONnex world was when a valued tree in my garden came into contact with the WC organisation. The parrots left as the tree died. It took a couple of years to get compensation. However on my second try I was granted compensation. HURRAY.

Next ...

JOHN HOLLAND LIED TO POLICE TO GET THEIR ATTENTION.

Our Street was closed off for a few years. One night, without any warning, a huge vehicle had trouble getting up the gradient of [redacted] to Victoria Road. I woke suddenly with the gear change and a baby over the road started crying. I went along the wooden hoardings to find somebody to ask about the noise.

I got to WC's offices (surrounded by high wire fencing). There were NO signs to prohibit pedestrians from walking on the footpath so I walked in front of the building. There were large orange structures but one piece was missing so I walked in front of the building.

About 5 males started yelling at me from behind the wire fencing. I was polite but asked about the noise continuing. They told me they would call the police. I pointed out they were negligent by not blocking off the footpath.

They came out onto the footpath and surrounded me. One of them rang the police in front of me. I heard him answer the police with 'elderly'. The police didn't want to come so the chap told the police I was breaking into the workshop. Unbelievable. The police agreed to come. Unfortunately the chap didn't know the address so I gave them the address.

All but one went back behind the wire. I had told them I live in [redacted] The chap asked me if I live by myself and when I replied 'yes he said I should be worried. The police arrived and were lovely and sympathized.

I made a complaint and Pam from WestCONnex rang to say the security men wanted to come round to apologize. I declined.

The noise, dust and road confusion in the street caused mental problems. Photo of equipment in front of my house. I made a complaint about damage to the HERITAGE GUTTER. Enclosed a photo of the ORANGE Repair. The council repaired the other damaged section in February 2024. Is the ratepayer responsible for WC damage?

WC closed the crossing across Victoria Rd for years. If residents needed to catch a bus into the city it meant a walk of approx 600 mtrs up to Darling St. No compensation.

Two bus stops were closed down and replaced by one. WC refuse to provide a bus shelter. In a country where melanoma takes so many lives it's a cruel attitude.

The landscaping near the bus stop was questionable. On 25th September 2023 I asked WC who was responsible for the maintenance of the area. It looked dodgy, was carried out in very hot weather and many plants died. It said so much about WestCONnex.

I asked about asbestos and told the area had been inspected on 11th January 2024 and no problem. I contacted the EPA and about a week later a call from EPA telling me FRIABLE ASBESTOS had been found

We haven't heard any apology from John Holland. So many more things went wrong. Choice of large equipment should be more considered in the future

Hopefully consideration for Communities in the future