

**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX  
PROJECT**

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The building of the M5 has had significant negative impacts on our home and caused unnecessary stress and anxiety for our family. The tunnel is being constructed under our property with the land under being forcibly being acquired. We've had gaps open up and new gaps form whilst the blasting and tunneling was at its peak. We constantly hear jackhammer kind of noises at all times of the day and even in the evenings and weekends. We had the pre dilapidation report done before the work commenced and because of the damage to our home, we put in for compensation. The engineers employed by Westconnex did another inspection and put down the damage to our home "likely" being caused by dry weather. We did not accept this finding and now have to spend time, money and resources to attend a mediation. We are now in an impossible position to try to prove the damage was done by Westconnex. The onus is on us to prove they caused the damage even though the report is not an exact science. They have all the resources available to them but we have absolutely no resources to support our case. We constantly put up with dust, pollution, road closures and the air vent will quite close to our home which is of huge concern for our health. On many occasions, when the blasting was being carried out, it felt like an earthquake to the degree where my son would come out of his room thinking there'd been an earthquake. The blasting is so strong that it has woken up my husband from his sleep.