

**Submission  
No 132**

## **INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT**

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Dear Committee Members

Thank you for your time and consideration of this \$50 billion project. May I invite you to answer these two questions as part of your work, please?

Question 1: Given the freeways built in Sydney are gathering revenue from the use of our public land, and sending it overseas and outside the state with almost no tax paid in Australia, what is the long term financial benefit to our governments and citizens?

Question 2: Given the project is designed to make a profit from increasing the number of cars who use the road, what is the long term impact on the city's air quality and amenity?

Other points include: The whole WestConnex project is deeply flawed - you could include some of the following in your submission:

- a It is inconsistent with the NSW Government's policy to reduce the number of cars coming into the city and to reduce congestion;
- b There has been inadequate planning and changing outcomes and the current goals of the project are not clear;
- c It has a flawed business case based on assumptions that are no longer valid;
- d The serious threats to our city's liveability including reduced air quality and the massive loss of parkland, trees and valuable inner city land; and
- e A serious lack of transparency and consultation with affected communities.

Thank you. Sincerely, Michael Mobbs