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INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT

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Dear Mr Fred Nile,

I am writing this to you as the Member of the Legislative Council, of the NSW State Parliament who has an independent voice on behalf of the members of our precinct in Annandale Sydney NSW and as Chair of the West Connex Enquiry 2018

I am the elected chairperson of the Leichhardt Council, Annandale Precinct Committee and sit with the Bays Community Coalition.

We are being directly attacked on 3 sides by

1. Parramatta Road Redevelopment,
2. Bays Urban Growth Proposal and
3. WestConnex proposal.

You have our full support to insist that the health, **spiritual** and other concerns of:

1. Parramatta Road redevelopment - Urban Growth

Despite being driven by the same government department - Urban Growth _ there does not appear to be any centralised planning that co-ordinates the Parramatta Road redevelopment with the West Connex tunnel proposals or the Bays Precincts redevelopment even though each of these projects are actually one and the same. Where is the NSW Planning minister and their independent advice or “planning” on this? Who does the planning in NSW, currently at the moment of corporation “Urban Growth” whose main purpose it seems is to hand planning over to developers.

2. WestConnex - a tollway private Tunnel solution for private vehicles to flood the inner city of Sydney without any consideration for public transport with cars and pollution.

Health Issues:-

Stacks for the tunnels for Westconnex and related pollution from Car tunnel portals and the impact upon the drivers and occupants in cars using such a long tunnel.

Even West Connex claim the trip from Parramatta will involve an underground experience of over 30 minutes...(33 km trip at 60km/h speed limit).

3. The Bays Precinct - Urban Growth

The release of contaminated land that does not have adequate public infrastructure:- such as Public parks, walkways, sporting fields, interactive water space, churches and other religious areas such as places of worship and celebration at religious festivals, eg the Cenotaph in Sydney, the reservation of prime land for churches at significant points eg beside Town Hall Sydney, the use of Barangaroo for the Popes visit to Sydney.

**The current proposals by Urban Growth focus on 3 elements for the redevelopment of the Bays Precinct,
 Public Realm
 Housing**

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It goes without saying that none of these include the spiritual well being of the people who will be using or being impacted upon by these developments.

There is no proposal that has Public transport for mass use at its heart and includes a Road network to support the commercial and professional access that we all need.

As well as basic services such as; sewerage, access to potable water and power and communications, none of this has been declared or included in any proposal to date.

These Bays precincts, 8 in total are converted, contaminated?? (we don't know, they won't tell us! Apart from Study done by Professor Gavin Birch Sydney University in the 1998 research on the "Presence of contaminants in Rozelle Bay" whose report has gone 'missing')) industrial land and will need massive investment to enable the proposed uses.

No business case has been made for this investment or even what the cost will be.

We call upon you to insist that your Inquiry be completed in good time with full access to any records that may be required and that any outcome be allowed to be circulated in full to the members of the public.

All of these things I have mentioned above are missing in these 3 proposals which will impact our residents and the whole state as they pay for what is an ill considered grab for community assets.

In each case these proposals have not presented a business case, they directly affect the health and they impact upon the liveability and space around us.

You have our full support to press the government to release such data and information that they hold or have access to to justify their position.

I would be happy to present myself at your inquiry to answer any questions as I am able.

Regards
David Springett