

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT

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The Director c/- Legislative Council
Standing Committee on Public Accountability
Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000

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To the Director,

Please find my comments on the Inquiry into the impact of WestConnex based on the Terms of Reference as follows.

I agree to my name being published.

(b) The cost of WestConnex project, including the size and reasons for overruns

The money being spent on this project is crazy. People do not want it, resources would be better allocated towards better options for public transport. There are only so many cars on the road because of a lack of public transport options.

(d) The compulsory acquisition of property for the project

I understand the need for this to happen sometimes but if it happened to me, in a home that I had lived in for years and had made my own, I would be devastated. It's terrible that it's happening to people for a project that nobody wants.

(j) Any other related matter

Westconnex will be totally disruptive to the traffic in our area, which is already at peak capacity. The noise from the construction and especially the pollution and fumes caused are a genuine concern for me and other local residents. Air quality and concerns over toxic pollutants into our water make this whole project a risk too great, especially in a time when we should be working on how to reduce emissions, not increase emissions.

The residents of Balmain and Rozelle will be massively inconvenienced as well by the construction traffic, roadworks and heavy trucks.