

**Attention: Director, Transport Assessments Planning Services**  
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.  
GPO Box 39  
Sydney, NSW 2001

CC - The Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and Member for Balmain

**SUBMISSION: Application SSI 7485**  
**OPPOSING - WESTCONNEX M4-M5 LINK - modification 2\_The Crescent overpass**

12 September 2019

Dear Director,

We oppose the WestConnex M4-M5 link - modification 2\_The Crescent overpass proposal because of the following points:

- **LONG-TERM IMPACT AND DESTRUCTION OF FORESHORE GREENSPACE:** We regularly walk our dog in Jubilee Park - accessing it from Rozelle. It's a quiet, peaceful sanctuary, with uninterrupted views and is patronized extensively by people from all walks of life seeking recreation and relaxation. Overpasses that have previously been built in nearby Ultimo and Pyrmont are perfect examples of how these overpasses create ominous, dirty, vermin-infested and heavily concreted areas where no vegetation can grow, not even weeds. They lack life and soul. To destroy the skyline and horizon of this valuable inner-city green-space and harbor foreshore, with an elevated two-lane overpass that services cars only, is unforgivable.
- **LONG-TERM NOISE AND EMISSION POLLUTION:** Overpasses in nearby Ultimo and Pyrmont emit significant pollution. They are undisputedly unpleasant and anti-social, because of the impact from noise, smell, dust and vibrations and you would not choose to spend much time under or near one. Traffic usage of the proposed two-lane overpass near Jubilee Park will inevitably cause permanent environmental vibration and noise. Additional vehicle emissions pose a permanent and serious health risk to all in our community, especially the young children, who all want quality-time in a cleaner, greener space.
- **PEDESTRIAN ACCESS:** Presently park-goers can enjoy natural open-spaces and water facilities at Jubilee Park by direct access eg, from Johnston St, The Crescent and via Buruwan Park. An elevated two-lane LA-style overpass will be a physical and visual obstacle for pedestrians and cyclists who regularly use this area. The proposed pathway from the west side of Johnston St is convoluted and not user-friendly - with five sets of pedestrian lights at The Crescent.
- **DESTRUCTION OF MATURE TREES:** Our inner-west community really value green-space and trees - especially the mature ones that are few and far between. They provide relief from hot weather, a habitat for animals and constantly remind us of how valuable nature is in this congested part of the world. To think that even more green-space and mature trees in Buruwan Park will be demolished to make way for more road works really incenses us. If the road were to go back to the original plan of going underground then these trees, which take many years to establish, would be preserved.
- **ERODING THE COMMUNITY:** This modification 2\_The Crescent overpass proposal will further degrade our unique inner-west Sydney suburbs. Annandale and Rozelle are renowned for their heritage 1800's/1900's cottage culture and village-like communities. Walking to the parks, markets, shops, schools, sporting venues and pubs are the reason people choose to live in these areas. The overpass proposal will geographically divide the area even more, giving traffic flow more precedence than the actual residents' quality of life. An LA-style overpass will further alienate this suburb.

We urge you, to refuse consent for the WESTCONNEX M4-M5 LINK - modification 2\_The Crescent overpass proposal and to instead show some imagination and foresight by implementing a design that bypasses this area, by going underground.

Yours sincerely,

  
Rozelle NSW 2039