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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re : WestConnex St Peters Interchange

Recently I saw an image of the proposed spaghetti junction interchange - what a horrific blot on the landscape - and unwaveringly object to the proposed WestConnex New M5 St Peters Interchange for the following reasons:

- 1 The astonishing cost for the New M5 is unjustified, the business case is ludicrous and it is healthier to spend the money on **public transport** to reduce the number of cars using the roads rather than encouraging more cars onto our already crowded roads. A better city is a walkable city.
- 2 The extra traffic will worsen local air quality and impact on our healthy environment. A side effect of ill health will add to the Health budget – already over stretched.
- 3 The character and sustainability of King Street, Newtown will be degraded and the most significant and in tact Victorian shopping strip in Sydney debased as a highway.
- 4 Any bottlenecks - that occur regularly - will simply be transferred to a different location, not eliminated. Reducing the traffic by increasing public transport is the wise solution.

The whole concept of WestConnect is misjudged - the assumption that more cars are better than more public transport is illogical. During peak hours each car has an average of between one and two people. Public transport can cater for hundreds of people in each train, and with far less pollution.

For the above reasons I implore you to reconsider the proposal and not proceed with the WestConnex New M5 St Peters Interchange.

James Quoyle