

To the Director, Major Planning Assessments, Department of Planning

I write to express my strong objection to the WestConnex New M5 motorway proposal.

Global experience of major toll road construction has demonstrated conclusively that these projects are enormously expensive and counter-productive. WestConnex will increase air pollution and encourage more car use, quickly filling the increased road capacity. It is not a long-term solution to Sydney's congestion problem.

The fact that the State Government has already signed multi-billion dollar contracts for WestConnex before this EIS was even placed on public exhibition undermines community confidence that this is a genuine consultation process.

This EIS considers benefits for all stages of the project but doesn't address the negative impacts along the whole route.

I object to this proposal because:

- 1) The New M5 will have devastating impacts on our local communities and local amenities.
- 2) The New M5 will be a massive contributor to greenhouse gas emissions, while destroying important habitat and greenspace.
- 3) WestConnex and the New M5 is a financial black hole that won't solve Sydney's traffic congestion.
- 4) The WestConnex project including the New M5 lacks transparency and accountability.
- 5) The WestConnex project comes with no real evaluation of alternative options such as world class public transport.

I agree that I have not donated more than \$1000 to any political party, elected member, group or candidate within this financial year.

I agree to the NSW Planning Department publishing my submission on their website, including any personal details it contains.

Regards,

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