

Dear State Government

Re: WestConnex New M5

The Paris agreement, while not perfect, will continue to drive the momentum to modernise and clean up economies. Over the last decade or more, momentum has been building, with more and more governments taking steps to limit pollution and build new clean industries, and an increasing number of investors start recognise and account for climate-induced financial risk. Paris marked this trend with many governments, businesses, investors and financial regulators taking additional steps to address climate change.

It is the responsibility of government to lead by example to set up the infrastructure for a low-carbon economy. In this way Australia will be able to reduce its emission, contribute to world environment health and remove ourselves from the position of one of the top world polluters.

The motor car is a major polluter and the reliance on individualise motor vehicles, rather than public transport and walking, is a major cause of poor health in our community. By promoting the use of the private car over a decent public transport system for the western suburbs, the NSW government is denying the people of Western Sydney an efficient transport system, access to a more healthy lifestyle and an opportunity to live in a modern technologically sophisticated environment with light rail, trains and LPG buses.

Finally as an inner city living person, with access to a very good public transport system, the ability to ride a bicycle to many of the areas i work and access to a healthy lifestyle, I wish to suggest your priorities should be the health and happiness of our citizens and the country, not the construction of major arteries that will be choked in 15 years according to your own EIS. As a government you will be remembered in how you lead, not in how you constructed a nightmare in the west.

Yours sincerely

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