

**I object to the WestConnex M4-M5 Link proposals as contained in the EIS application # SSI 7485, for the reasons set out below.**

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Attn: Director – Transport Assessments

Application Number: SSI 7485

Application Name: WestConnex M4-M5  
Link

- 1) Given the high cost of the tolls and their anticipated annual increase it is also expected that there will be an increase on traffic generally on local roads as motorists avoid the tollways. This can already be seen on Parramatta Rd immediately the new M4 tolls were activated. We expect exactly the same effect in the roads around the interchange, including the Princes Highway, King St, Edgeware and Enmore Roads and through the streets of Erskineville and Alexandria.
- 2) I am concerned that while hundreds of impacts on resident, including noise, loss of business, dust, and lost time through more traffic congestion, are identified in the EIS, the approach is always to recommend approval and promise vague 'mitigation' in the future. This is not good enough.
- 3) The EIS indicates that 36 homes will have unacceptable noise impacts for extended periods at the Darley road construction site. The EIS does not mention the cumulative impact of aircraft noise in the Leichhardt or St Peters area, and therefore does not reflect the true impact of construction noise on the amenity of nearby residents and businesses. The noise impacts of construction are not able to be mitigated to an acceptable level and the EIS should not be approved on this basis.
- 4) The additional unfiltered exhaust stack on the north-west corner of the interchange will further increase the vehicle pollution in an area where the prevailing south and north-westerly winds will send that pollution over residences, schools and sports fields. The St Peters Primary School in particular will be at the apex of a triangle between the two exhaust stacks on the south-western and north-western corners of the interchange. This is utterly unacceptable.
- 5) The impacts on The Crescent and Annandale are massive and were not sufficiently revealed in the Concept Design to enable residents to give feedback on the negative impacts on communities and businesses in the area.
- 6) I do not consider so many disruptions of pedestrian and cycle ways to be a 'temporary' impact. Four years in the life of a community is a long time. The EIS acknowledges that there will be more danger in the environment around construction sites. It is a serious matter to deliberately take steps to reduce the safety of a community, especially when as the traffic analysis shows there will be a legacy of traffic congestion even in 2033. A promise of a plan is NOT an answer to those concerned about the impacts.
- 7) It is outrageous to suggest that four unfiltered stacks would be built in one area, Rozelle
- 8) The EIS states that after the M4-m5 opens, that traffic on Darley Road will increase by 4%. There is no benefit in the overall project for residents. During construction westbound traffic will increase on Darley Road by 37%. This increase in traffic for a period of up to five years will make it hazardous to cross the road and access the light rail and travel to Blackmore oval, the bat run, the dog park and the Leichhardt pool. In addition, it will drastically increase both local traffic and outer area traffic at peak commute times. We therefore object to the location of this site based on the unacceptable traffic impacts it will have on road users and on residents.

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The WestConnex project should never have been approved. The future of societies relies on sustainable, climate-friendly solutions. Rather than building bigger, destructive roads which encourage people to drive instead of using public transport, our governments should be focussing on providing a more healthy environment.

Rather than having to use their car to travel to work each day, people should be offered attractive alternatives, such as setting up high speed express bus lanes on existing freeways linking major population centres to the city, operational with Opal cards. For example, Liverpool express to the city, Penrith express to the city. A fleet of reliable, comfortable buses on express bus-lanes would provide fast travel and cater for any shortfalls in peak train services as regards frequency and enough capacity during peak hours.

Providing a tax deduction for public transport expenses to and from work would be a huge incentive to use public transport. This would be easily verifiable via the Opal card records for tax purposes.

The destruction of parks, buildings and people's homes as well as the increased urban air pollution and the bottlenecks that result upon exiting the freeways are totally unacceptable. The WestConnex passes by many public schools and delivers increased air pollution either directly or via air stacks. We should be encouraging less use of petrol-driven transport, so how does the building of more roads achieve this? To meet our Paris Climate Accord emission targets, we need to discourage the use of fossil-fueled vehicles. The construction of new freeways achieves the opposite, they cater for more traffic.

We need to spend the money on improving, and encouraging the use of, public transport. With enough incentives, such as improved public transport services and a tax rebate on work-related (public transport) travel, people will use public transport and leaves their cars at home. It is not too late to stop WestConnex now.

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Experience has shown time and again that building more and bigger roads has a negative impact on traffic as the roads encourage more people to drive. We need to build sustainable transport solutions which give people options, including public transport.

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1. There have been widespread reports in the media about extensive unresolved disputes regarding damages to houses in the Stage 1 M4 and Stage 2 M5 construction process. Why should the community believe that there will not be extensive damages to houses in Stage 3?
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#### SUBMISSION OF OBJECTION TO WESTCONNEX M4/M5 LINK EIS.

You are going to FAIL OUR CHILDREN. PUBLIC TRANSPORT IS THE ONLY REAL LONG TERM SOLUTION.

I strongly object to this proposal in its entirety and urge the Secretary of Planning to advise the Minister to refuse the application on the grounds below. NSW Planning must require the Proponent to properly and adequately address the impacts set out below which are not adequately addressed in the EIS. NSW Planning must reject this EIS and instead recommend to the NSW government that there should be an independent review of WestConnex before more billions are spent and more residents' lives are damaged.

The EIS states 'the detail of the design and construction approach is indicative only based on a concept design and is subject to detailed design and construction planning to be undertaken by the successful contractors.' The community will have no opportunity to comment on the Preferred Infrastructure Report which forms the basis of the approval conditions. This means the community will have limited say in the management of the impacts identified in the EIS. The EIS needs to provide an opportunity for the community to meaningfully input into this report and approval conditions .

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With four unfiltered emissions stacks in Rozelle, two in Haberfield (one each for the M4East and New M5) and two in St Peters, along with a large number of exit portals, residents of these area will suffer greatly from direct exposure to poisonous diesel particulates.

This is negligent when you consider that the World Health Organisation in 2012 declared diesel particulates carcinogenic.

I object to the indicative design for the Rozelle Interchange. Sydney Motorway Corporation has not been able to identify any other similar underground interchange project anywhere in the world or find a construction company to build it. This EIS should be rejected because it would be absurd to approve such a design concept without evidence that it could be constructed.

The EIS shows that traffic on the City West Link, Johnston St, the Crescent, Catherine St and Ross street would greatly increase during the construction period and also be greatly increased if Stage 3 were ever completed. It states that Stage 3 would do nothing to improve traffic congestion in the area, in fact it will add to the problem. Many of these areas are already congested at peak times. Even the EIS recognises that this would have a negative impact on the local area as more and more people try to avoid the congestion by using rat runs through local streets.

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I object to the acquisition of this site on the basis that Dan Murphys renovated and started a new business in December 2016, in full knowledge that they were to be acquired, with the acquisition process commencing early November 2016. This is maladministration of public money and the taxpayer should not be left to foot the compensation bill in these circumstances. With the Premier having now been referred to ICAC over the lease extension granted over this site, it is very clear that there has been a lack of transparency in the dealings with this site.

The noise and air quality studies are completely dependent on the accuracy of the traffic analysis and assumptions. If the traffic analysis is flawed, so too are the air and noise studies and local road traffic impacts. Only last week Citi financial analysts in a report to their large investors were of the view that the traffic predictions contained were unlikely to be achievable. An EIS based on inaccurate traffic analysis cannot be approved.

The inadequate traffic analysis shows that even if this tollway and all other proposed tollways are completed, the St Peters Interchange and Frederick Street in Ashfield will be considerably more congested in 2033 if the project goes ahead.

We are also concerned that the traffic figures relied upon in the EIS are simply not reliable. AECOM, the company responsible for this EIS, has a well-documented record of wrongly predicting traffic. Already there are reports that the traffic for all stages of WestConnex has been overestimated and construction costs underestimated. (SMH 'Pressure builds on government to sweeten WestConnex sale' 5/10/2017)

Reductions of volumes of traffic on Parramatta Rd, King Georges Road or the existing M5 are asserted but the model which projects these effects is not provided for scrutiny or independent assessment. The model's margin for error is not stated. The rest of the benefits all depend on the asserted traffic reductions generating improved travel times and better bus services or freight movement etc. So far the experience of the growth of traffic on Parramatta Rd in response to the re-imposition of tolls on the widened section of the M4 gives us leave to doubt these touted benefits.

There is reference in the EIS to the WestConnex Road Traffic Model version 2.3 (WRTM v2.3), a strategic traffic model that has been used in the traffic analysis. This model was developed by the NSW Roads and Maritime Services who have constantly pushed a motorway agenda to the disadvantage of the development of more public transport. There is insufficient explanation of the nature of the model, where it can be accessed and what function it plays in the analysis. There is no clear explanation of how the assumptions that underpin the WRTM have changed between EIS stages. Since so much else in the EIS including noise and air quality predictions are dependent on this forecasting, the lack of transparency makes it difficult for the EIS to be subject to independent critique.

When measuring the impacts in the EIS, it is important to bear in mind the mismanagement of the project to date and residents have little confidence that any measures set out in the approval document will, in fact, be complied with. During 2017 residents in St Peters have been subject to appalling odours which have damaged the health of some community members and damaged the quality of life of many more. SMC has failed to comply with the environmental protection licence that it was granted as part of previous approvals. NSW Planning has shown that it does not have the powers to enforce compliance. In this situation conditions are meaningless. I am appalled that there is a significant risk that these odours would continue if Stage 3 is approved. I would strongly object to the NSW EPA granting a license for this project on the basis of this application and with no clear plan for how contamination would be controlled. No community should be treated in this manner.

The Environmental Impact Statement for Stage 3 admits that the traffic around St Peters will be worse when both stages are completed. So the community would have to put up with the exhaust from tunnels and additional car emissions from the traffic. Car emissions are known to shorten the lives of those who live within half a kilometre of a busy roadway. Diesel exhaust from trucks is classed as a carcinogen.

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Communities should be able to feel confident that the Government is acting for the benefit of all citizens. I understand that major projects for roads are required, however in planning for such projects Governments should put more emphasis on the following; -Well being of the communities most impacted -The Environment -Traffic congestion -If tolls are required they should be based on reasonable economic and social impacts. -Tolls should be in place only until such time that the costs associated with the projects are recovered . - Revenue streams should not be sold to private operators who tend to charge whatever rate will produce the maximum return. More Public Transport less toll roads.

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An 8 lane tunnel right under the inner west, with multiple pollution stacks and a huge underground interchange at Rozelle - this is unacceptable.

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It is ridiculous that (a) I have to take a taxi when I live so close because the airport station costs \$14 by train from Newtown; and (b) that the taxis have to move through an insane warren of streets to take me there.

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Dear Minister,

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- **EXTENDED CONSTRUCTION:** Construction in Haberfield and Ashfield will continue until at least 2022, with 24/7 tunnelling set to continue for years. This is a breach of faith with our local community, which was promised that construction for WestConnex would end in 2019;
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I am also concerned about:

'RAT RUNS' AS people come off m4  
to meet 'CAR PARK' on CITY WEST LINK

Yours sincerely,

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The Environmental Impact Statement for Stage 3 admits that the traffic around St Peters will be worse when both stages are completed. So the community would have to put up with the exhaust from tunnels and additional car emissions from the traffic. Car emissions are known to shorten the lives of those who live within half a kilometre of a busy roadway. Diesel exhaust from trucks is classed as a carcinogen.

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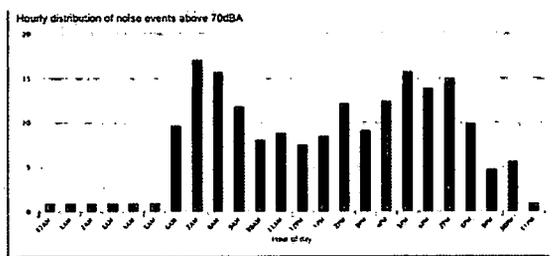
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**I object** to the EIS and the Darley Rd construction site. The proponent should be directed to abandon its plan for a dive site as it is clear impacts are too great for the community. At the very least the site should be restricted to standard construction hours for all operations above ground and there should be no shifts commencing or ending outside of standard construction hours. The proponent should be directed to find a site where its operations will not impact on residents outside of standard construction hours.

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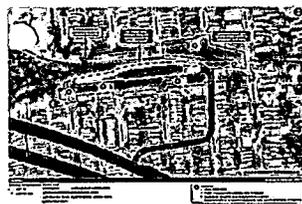
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**I object** to the WestConnex M4-M5 Link proposals as contained in the EIS application #SSI 7485 for the reason(s) set out below.

#### Light rail access

- I object** to the EIS because it does not guarantee that the existing access to the Leichhardt North light rail stop would be maintained at all times. Fig 6-4 indicates that only the eastern access will be maintained. This greatly disadvantages the elderly and disabled who have to walk up a steep hill to the eastern access. If the proponent cannot guarantee access to the Leichhardt North light rail stop from the existing entry points or from points that are accessible to all then the Darley Road, Leichhardt construction site should be abandoned. The proponent should be directed to find a site where its operations will not impact on users of the Light Rail.



#### Noise impacts

- I object** to the EIS because the proponent's assessment of who are Highly Noise Affected receivers in the area adjacent to the Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) at Leichhardt is incorrect and wrongly minimises the actual number of Highly Noise Affected receivers.

#### Noise impacts

- The proponent has identified that the most affected receivers are residential receivers which adjoin the Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) at Leichhardt on Darley Road between Norton Street and Falls Street. The most noise affected receivers are located between Charles Street and Norton Street due to their proximity to the construction site.

The proponent has identified that the worst case construction scenario will occur during

- Road adjustments works
- spoil handling works within the acoustic shed during all works periods

Highest construction noise impacts:

- Use of a rock breaker during the daytime period as part of the demolition works and
- Use of a road profiler during the night-time period as part of the road adjustment works

**I object** to the EIS because the proponent provides that spoil handling works within the acoustic shed will take place for the duration of the construction phase which could be up to two to three years' duration, yet there is no clear plan for measures that will be taken to minimise noise impacts.

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**Noise impacts**

- I object to the Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) at Leichhardt because engine noise from the trucks approaching the intersection up the grade would be a constant source of annoyance to residents of Darley Road down to its intersection with Charles Street.

The independent engineer engaged by the Inner West Council Jim Holt also came to this conclusion in his report to the Council. SMC have not recognised this impact in the EIS. They sent a response to the Council as follows:

**'Response:** Noise from construction traffic using the public road network is assessed under the Roads and Maritime Noise Criteria Guideline (NCG), which documents Roads and Maritime's approach to implementing the Road Noise Policy (RNP). Under the NCG, an initial screening test is carried out to determine whether noise levels would increase by more than two decibels (dBA). This represents an increase in the number of vehicles of approximately 60 per cent due to construction traffic or a temporary reroute due to a road closure. Where increases are 2dBA or less, then further assessment is required as noise level changes would most likely not be perceptible to most people. Where noise levels increase by more than 2dBA (i.e. 2.1 dBA or greater) further assessment is required using criteria presented in the NCG.

Darley Road is currently being used by heavy vehicles and light commercial vehicles (construction, delivery etc) that contribute to background noises. The predicted traffic noise increase (dBA) at the Darley Road site is around 0.5dBA.'

You do not need to be an acoustic engineer to know that truck and dogs are very noisy and that local residents will be impacted greatly, especially those close to where trucks will be accelerating and decelerating. Darley Road, Leichhardt is not currently experiencing 14 truck and dog movements an hour during peak time stated in the EIS and an unknown (but presumably greater) number of truck movements within off peak construction hours. This is a truck movement every 3-4 minutes during peak. Assuming that they will increase truck movements during off peak residents can expect a truck every 2-3 minutes. We do not need a screening test or assessment to tell us that residents will be subjected to extreme levels of truck noise.

SMC's response does not acknowledge this and does not refute Jim Holt's conclusion that residents will be impacted. SMC's response like the proponent's EIS fails to acknowledge the true impact of the Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) at Leichhardt.

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#### **Construction vehicle safety impacts**

**I object** to the EIS because the proposal in relation to the Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) at Leichhardt stated therein, that 'heavy vehicles associated with spoil haulage would travel eastbound on City West Link and turn right into Darley Road, Leichhardt' presents unacceptable safety and amenity impacts.

The corner of Darley Rd (actually James St) and the City West Link is a pedestrian zone for:

- Pupils of Orange Grove Public School who live in Leichhardt
- Students of Sydney Secondary College, Leichhardt Campus who alight at Leichhardt North light rail stop
- Students of other schools along the light rail who board at Leichhardt North light rail stop
- Commuters who board at Leichhardt North light rail stop
- Residents walking to Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre and adjacent sporting facilities
- Residents walking to the Orange Grove markets on Saturdays

The proponents plan brings pedestrians and school children in particular directly into the path of spoil haulage trucks at an intersection found to be the third most dangerous according to Transport for NSW figures.

A further impact will be to discourage people from walking in this area leading to greater car use for local trips.

**I object** to the Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) at Leichhardt on the above grounds.

#### **Noise impacts**

**I object** to the EIS because the proponent has failed to take account of the fact that the demolition of 7 Darley Road, Leichhardt will remove a significant noise barrier to traffic noise from the City West Link. This will mean increased traffic noise impacts to the residents of Darley Rd, Francis St, Hubert St and Charles St.

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**Hours of operation**

**I object** to the EIS because the proponent/contractor would only have to keep local residents, businesses and the NSW EPA informed about works outside standard day time construction hours at the site. Local residents, businesses and the NSW EPA would have no right to limit works outside standard day time construction hours at the site. As we have seen with other stages of WestConnex this leads to devastating impacts for residents who must endure significant periods of exposure to out of hours works which involve noise, lights and disturbance.

**Non-compliance with SEARS**

**I object** to the proposal because it does not comply with the SEARS requirements. The EIS must include, but not necessarily be limited to, a description of the project and **all components and activities** (including ancillary components and activities) required to construct and operate it, including the location and operational requirements of construction ancillary facilities and access.

In so far as it describes the Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) at Leichhardt the EIS does not meet this requirement because it does not describe the components and activities that have been described to the community either in meetings with LAW (Leichhardt Against WestConnex) or at the WestConnex Community Reference Group established by Sydney Motorway Corporation.

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#### Noise impacts

- I object** to the EIS because the proponent has not provided a clear plan for measures that will be taken to minimise noise impacts from work within and outside of standard construction hours at the Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) at Leichhardt.

#### Non-compliance with SEARS

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The proponent via its agent Sydney Motorway Corporation's employee Peter Jones has advised on several occasions that spoil haulage trucks will be staged from the Sydney Ports land on Glebe Island via James Craig Rd. This is to avoid the situation at Haberfield where trucks circle the Northcote St site as they are not able to queue to enter it creating congestion and noise impacts as they drive slowly into Wattle St and Ramsay St. before making a second run at the Northcote St site from the Parramatta Road entrance.

No details of this staged spoil haulage proposal at Darley Road, Leichhardt are provided other than that 'construction traffic may also access the Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) at Leichhardt via the westbound lanes of City West Link'.

#### Noise impacts

- I object** to the EIS because the proponent has failed to take account of the noise impact of spoil haulage trucks using air brakes on the descent down Darley Rd off the City West Link. Heavy vehicle drivers should avoid using exhaust brakes, engine compression or 'jake' brakes near residential areas and noise-sensitive areas such as hospitals and schools, unless they are necessary for safety reasons. RMS should implement noise limits from engine compression brakes and should use roadside noise 'cameras' as an aid to enforcement at every location where WestConnex vehicles emitting engine compression brake noise might affect nearby communities.

#### Noise impacts

- I object** to the Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) at Leichhardt on the basis that there is no clear plan in the EIS for measures that will provide the maximum possible level of mitigation from noise impacts. I also object because there is no clear plan for remedies available to residents who are impacted.

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**Truck routes**

- I object** to the EIS because it fails to describe the truck route options available to the proponent in relation to the Darley Rd site, which SMC have on many occasions told the community they are contemplating as alternatives.

The EIS states in 6.5.8 Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) that 'It is anticipated that the majority of construction traffic would enter the site from the southern (westbound) carriageway of Darley Road, Leichhardt via new driveways. Heavy vehicles associated with spoil haulage would travel eastbound on City West Link and turn right into Darley Road, Leichhardt. A temporary right turning lane at the intersection of City West Link and Darley Road, Leichhardt would be provided for use by construction vehicles. Heavy vehicles would exit the site by turning left onto Darley Road, Leichhardt before turning left onto City West Link.

'Construction traffic may also access the Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) via the westbound lanes of City West Link.'

'Temporary traffic management measures would be established to enable access and egress arrangements. These would be detailed in a CTAMP, which would be prepared to manage construction traffic associated with the project.'

**I object** to the proposal for vehicles associated with spoil haulage to travel eastbound on City West Link and turn right into Darley Rd. This proposal is dangerous and the impacts and risks are too great. Darley Rd is acknowledged by RMS to be a sub-standard road in terms of its construction. The intersection from the city west link is a steep blind turn even for traffic coming across from James St. This is followed by immediate left hand turns into both Francis St and Hubert St. A number of properties on Darley Rd would be at risk of destruction from spoil haulage trucks in the event of a truck having to brake suddenly to avoid stationary vehicles.

The proponent should abandon a dive site completely or find a location directly on the City West Link where spoil trucks will never use local roads. Why should resident's lives be put at risk because the project must be delivered as soon as possible?

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#### **Non-compliance with SEARS**

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Peter Jones from Sydney Motorway Corporation has advised that he is in the process of finalising an agreement with Sydney Ports which will enable him to stage trucks from a location on Glebe Island via James Craig Rd. The EIS should not have been released before this plan was finalised. Peter Jones has advised that he is only required to describe the 'worst case scenario' in the EIS, which is trucks arriving ad hoc via the eastbound lanes of City West Link. The EIS should describe what the proponent actually plans to do as well as the worst case scenario so that the impacts of all options being considered can be assessed and commented on.

It is not clear from the EIS how the alternative plan for the staged arrival of spoil trucks from Sydney Ports will be documented and how stakeholders will have an opportunity to assess its impacts. The EIS does not specifically state that this staged arrival plan will be documented in the CTAMP, the Ancillary Facilities Management Plan or the Preferred Infrastructure Report.

**I object** to the EIS on the grounds that it does not comply with the SEARS.

#### **Truck routes**

- I object** to the EIS because it suggests that no local roads would be used by heavy vehicles during works yet at the same time acknowledges that spoil trucks may use local roads in exceptional circumstances which include when there is queuing to get into the site. Darley Rd is highly congested with traffic queues forming during much of the day which will lead to queues to enter the site. Queuing will not therefore be an exceptional circumstance and the result will be that spoil trucks are able to use local roads without being in breach, which will be often. This is unacceptable to residents of Francis, Hubert, William and Charles St and **I object** to the EIS on this basis. As queuing cannot be avoided on Darley Rd this clearly shows why this location is inappropriate. The proponent should abandon a dive site completely or find a location directly on the City West Link where spoil trucks will never use local roads. Why should residents' lives be put at risk because the project must be delivered as soon as possible?

#### **Noise impacts**

- I object** to the EIS because the proponent has failed to take account of the noise impact of fully laden spoil haulage trucks exiting the Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) at Leichhardt driving up the very steep blind turn at the intersection with the City West Link. The RMS should install noise measuring equipment and monitoring cameras at this location to measure noise from heavy vehicles and identify vehicles whose noise that exceeds the applicable Australian standard.

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#### Noise impacts

- Many residents in Charles St and Hubert St were highly affected by noise from works conducted during the renovation of 7 Darley Rd in 2016. In Hubert St, residents at least as far as No 31 and No 32 Hubert St were affected. The affected properties are not correctly reflected in the EIS.

**I object** to the EIS because it underestimates the number of residents that will be highly affected by noise. It does not take account of the impact of vehicle noise from fully laden spoil trucks driving up the very steep incline from Darley Rd to the City West Link. It does not take account of the noise impact of vehicles using air brakes down the same incline and braking to enter the site.

#### Pedestrian and cyclist movements

- **I object** to the EIS because it fails to describe the temporary changes to Darley Road, Leichhardt to enable access to and from the ancillary facility that would likely be required in relation to the Darley Rd site and instead allows for the final plan to be decided by the contractor.

The EIS states in 6.5.8 Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) that:

'Temporary changes to Darley Road to enable access to and from the ancillary facility would likely be required. These may include changes to line marking to provide a temporary turning lane for construction traffic and temporary diversions to the pedestrian path on the northern side of Darley Road. These would be confirmed during detailed design following the appointment of a design and construction contractor and in consideration of the safety and function of the road network, maintaining access to the Leichhardt North light rail stop and providing for continued pedestrian and cyclist movement.'

It is not clear how continued access, pedestrian and cyclist movement will be preserved and I am concerned that the impacts have not been correctly identified and assessed by the proponent.

**I object** to the fact that I am denied the opportunity to assess the impacts of all options. **I object** to the fact that I will have no right or opportunity to have input into detailed design following the appointment of a design and construction contractor.

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#### Hours of operation

- I object** to the EIS because it is effectively a 24 hour operation despite the fact that the proponent represents that spoil removal from this site would only occur within standard construction hours.

The EIS states in 6.5.8 Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4):

'Reasonable and feasible work practices and mitigation measures would be implemented to minimise potential noise impacts due to activities occurring at the Darley Road civil and tunnel site. Local residents, businesses and the NSW EPA would be kept informed about works outside standard day time construction hours at the site.

The EIS allows for the possibility of spoil handling above ground 24 hours 7 days a week. The EIS fails to assess or explain the impacts of this on the residents in nearby streets. These impacts could include construction noise, light and heavy vehicles (other than spoil trucks), workers arriving for shifts and leaving after shifts. It is not clear to what extent the acoustic shed will contain noise. The Jim Holt report stated that the acoustic shed would not operate effectively due to its location on the site. It is not clear whether the proponent will mandate the contractor to employ the highest level of acoustic protection rather than what is feasible.

#### Noise impacts

- The resident's of Darley Rd, Francis, Hubert and Charles St have little acoustic protection against the noise of truck engines, exhaust and brakes and none is contemplated in the EIS.

**I object** to the Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) at Leichhardt because the truck noise impacts for residents will be too great for the extended period of construction involved and the Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) at Leichhardt should be rejected on this basis.

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### Noise impacts

- I object** to the EIS because the proponent incorrectly asserts construction traffic is unlikely to result in a noticeable increase in LAeq noise levels at receivers along the proposed construction traffic routes (Darley Road, Leichhardt and City West Link). This does not take account of the impact of vehicle noise from fully laden spoil trucks driving up the very steep incline from Darley Rd to the City West Link. It does not take account of the noise impact of vehicles using air brakes down the same incline and braking to enter the site. The impact of these will be substantial.

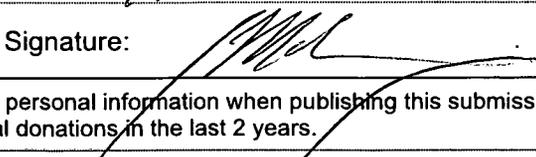
Commercial trucks are very loud; a standard diesel engine produces approximately 100 decibels (dB) of noise.

Engine braking noise can be disturbing both because it is loud and also as it has a distinctive characteristic modulation. Engine braking noise is caused by pulses of gases being emitted from the truck exhaust system, giving a 'machine gun' sound.

**I object** to the Darley Rd site because of the level of noise that the trucks will cause.

### Truck routes

- I object** to the EIS because it fails to describe the truck route options available to the proponent in relation to the Darley Rd site and instead allows for the final plan to be detailed in the CTAMP, Preferred Infrastructure Report or Ancillary Facilities Management Plan. Peter Jones of SMC has on many occasions made representations to the community that his plan is to stage trucks from the port and eventually when possible to have them arrive and depart from the site underground when a tunnel is established between Leichhardt and the M4 East. He has also said that loading of spoil would take place underground at this time. He has recently told us of his plan to load trucks from a ramp off the city west link by means of a hopper conveyor which would pass over the Light rail station delivering spoil into silos below which trucks would pull up to receive their load. The laden trucks would then travel west bound along the city west link. None of this plan is detailed in the EIS. **I object** to the fact that I am denied the opportunity to assess the impacts of all options. **I object** to the fact that I will have no right or opportunity to have input into the CTAMP, PIR or AFMP on matters which will have a devastating impact to me and to residents near 7 Darley Rd.

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I object to the whole of the WestConnex Project, and the specific WestConnex M4-M5 Link proposals as contained in the EIS application, for the following reasons:

- The original objectives of the project specified improving road and freight access to Sydney Airport and to Port Botany. Neither Stage 2 or 3 provides such access. Both the new M5 and the new M4-M5 Link will dump 1000s more per day onto the roads to the Airport which are already at capacity.
- An on-line interactive map was published with the M4-M5 Concept Design that indicated a very wide yellow 'swoosh' that is upwards of a kilometre wide in some sections of the M4-M5 proposals. SMC have NEVER publicly published or acknowledged that the contractor to be appointed to build the tunnels will be 'encouraged' to do so within the yellow swoosh footprint, but may go outside the indicative swoosh area if found necessary after further geotech and survey work. The proposed Sydney Water Tunnels surveys (EIS 12-57) could potentially see a dramatic change in the tunnel alignments in the Newtown area. Why were these surveys not done during the past three years such that 'definitive' rather than 'indicative' alignments could be published. The EIS should be withdrawn till such time that it is a true and fair 'definitive' document open for genuine public comment:
- The impact of the deep tunnelling for the M4-M5 link - in addition to the tunnelling for the new Sydney Metro in the same area - in the Tempe, Sydenham, St Peters, Newtown and Camperdown and beyond is an unknown hazard to the soundness of the buildings above, and given that two different tunnelling operations will take place quite close, the people in those buildings will struggle to get repairs and compensation for loss because either contractor will no doubt blame the other.
- The business case for the project in all three stages has failed to taken into account the external costs of these massive road projects in air pollution for human and environmental health, in adding fossil fuel emissions to increase global warming effects, and in the economic and social costs of the disruption to human activities, of displacement of people and businesses and of the destruction of community cohesion and amenity. These external costs far outweigh any benefits from building roads which poorly serve people's transport needs but instead enrich private corporations.
- The increased amount of traffic the M4-M5 Link will dump on the roads to and from the St Peters Interchange will have a heavy disruptive impact on the local transport routes, whether by vehicle, bus, or active transport (walking and cycling).
- Given the high cost of the tolls and their anticipated annual increase it is also expected that there will be an increase on traffic generally on local roads as motorists avoid the tollways. This can already be seen on Parramatta Rd immediately the new M4 tolls were activated. We expect exactly the same effect in the roads around the interchange, including the Princes Highway, King St, Edgeware and Enmore Roads and through the streets of Erskineville and Alexandria.
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- The original objectives of the project specified improving road and freight access to Sydney Airport and to Port Botany. Neither Stage 2 or 3 provides such access. Both the new M5 and the new M4-M5 Link will dump 1000s more per day onto the roads to the Airport which are already at capacity.
- An on-line interactive map was published with the M4-M5 Concept Design that indicated a very wide yellow 'swoosh' that is upwards of a kilometre wide in some sections of the M4-M5 proposals. SMC have NEVER publicly published or acknowledged that the contractor to be appointed to build the tunnels will be 'encouraged' to do so within the yellow swoosh footprint, but may go outside the indicative swoosh area if found necessary after further geotech and survey work. The proposed Sydney Water Tunnels surveys (EIS 12-57) could potentially see a dramatic change in the tunnel alignments in the Newtown area. Why were these surveys not done during the past three years such that 'definitive' rather than 'indicative' alignments could be published. The EIS should be withdrawn till such time that it is a true and fair 'definitive' document open for genuine public comment.
- The impact of the deep tunnelling for the M4-M5 link - in addition to the tunnelling for the new Sydney Metro in the same area - in the Tempe, Sydenham, St Peters, Newtown and Camperdown and beyond is an unknown hazard to the soundness of the buildings above, and given that two different tunnelling operations will take place quite close, the people in those buildings will struggle to get repairs and compensation for loss because either contractor will no doubt blame the other.
- The business case for the project in all three stages has failed to taken into account the external costs of these massive road projects in air pollution for human and environmental health, in adding fossil fuel emissions to increase global warming effects, and in the economic and social costs of the disruption to human activities, of displacement of people and businesses and of the destruction of community cohesion and amenity. These external costs far outweigh any benefits from building roads which poorly serve people's transport needs but instead enrich private corporations.
- The increased amount of traffic the M4-M5 Link will dump on the roads to and from the St Peters Interchange will have a heavy disruptive impact on the local transport routes, whether by vehicle, bus, or active transport (walking and cycling).
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**I object** to the WestConnex M4-M5 Link proposals as contained in the EIS application #SSI 7485 for the reason(s) set out below.

#### Hours of operation

- I object** to the EIS and the Darley Rd construction site. The proponent should be directed to abandon its plan for a dive site as it is clear impacts are too great for the community. At the very least the site should be restricted to standard construction hours for all operations above ground and there should be no shifts commencing or ending outside of standard construction hours. The proponent should be directed to find a site where its operations will not impact on residents outside of standard construction hours.

#### Truck routes

- I object** to the EIS because it fails to describe the truck route options available to the proponent in relation to the Darley Rd site; which SMC have on many occasions told the community they are contemplating as alternatives.

The EIS states in 6.5.8 Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) that 'It is anticipated that the majority of construction traffic would enter the site from the southern (westbound) carriageway of Darley Road, Leichhardt via new driveways. Heavy vehicles associated with spoil haulage would travel eastbound on City West Link and turn right into Darley Road, Leichhardt. A temporary right turning lane at the intersection of City West Link and Darley Road, Leichhardt would be provided for use by construction vehicles. Heavy vehicles would exit the site by turning left onto Darley Road, Leichhardt before turning left onto City West Link.

'Construction traffic may also access the Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) via the westbound lanes of City West Link.'

'Temporary traffic management measures would be established to enable access and egress arrangements. These would be detailed in a CTAMP, which would be prepared to manage construction traffic associated with the project.'

**I object** to the proposal for vehicles associated with spoil haulage to travel eastbound on City West Link and turn right into Darley Rd. This proposal is dangerous and the impacts and risks are too great. Darley Rd is acknowledged by RMS to be a sub-standard road in terms of its construction. The intersection from the city west link is a steep blind turn even for traffic coming across from James St. This is followed by immediate left hand turns into both Francis St and Hubert St. A number of properties on Darley Rd would be at risk of destruction from spoil haulage trucks in the event of a truck having to brake suddenly to avoid stationary vehicles.

The proponent should abandon a dive site completely or find a location directly on the City West Link where spoil trucks will never use local roads. Why should resident's lives be put at risk because the project must be delivered as soon as possible?

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**Noise impacts**

- **I object** to the EIS because the proponent has not provided a clear plan for measures that will be taken to minimise noise impacts from work within and outside of standard construction hours at the Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) at Leichhardt.

**Non-compliance with SEARS**

- **I object** to the proposal because it does not comply with the SEARS requirements. The EIS must include, but not necessarily be limited to, a description of the project and **all components and activities** (including ancillary components and activities) required to construct and operate it, including the location and operational requirements of construction ancillary facilities and access.

The proponent via its agent Sydney Motorway Corporation's employee Peter Jones has advised on several occasions that spoil haulage trucks will be staged from the Sydney Ports land on Glebe Island via James Craig Rd. This is to avoid the situation at Haberfield where trucks circle the Northcote St site as they are not able to queue to enter it creating congestion and noise impacts as they drive slowly into Wattle St and Ramsay St. before making a second run at the Northcote St site from the Parramatta Road entrance.

No details of this staged spoil haulage proposal at Darley Road, Leichhardt are provided other than that 'construction traffic may also access the Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) at Leichhardt via the westbound lanes of City West Link'.

**Noise impacts**

- **I object** to the EIS because the proponent has failed to take account of the noise impact of spoil haulage trucks using air brakes on the descent down Darley Rd off the City West Link. Heavy vehicle drivers should avoid using exhaust brakes, engine compression or 'jake' brakes near residential areas and noise-sensitive areas such as hospitals and schools, unless they are necessary for safety reasons. RMS should implement noise limits from engine compression brakes and should use roadside noise 'cameras' as an aid to enforcement at every location where WestConnex vehicles emitting engine compression brake noise might affect nearby communities.

**Noise impacts**

- **I object** to the Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) at Leichhardt on the basis that there is no clear plan in the EIS for measures that will provide the maximum possible level of mitigation from noise impacts. I also object because there is no clear plan for remedies available to residents who are impacted.

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#### Hours of operation

**I object** to the EIS because the proponent/contractor would only have to keep local residents, businesses and the NSW EPA informed about works outside standard day time construction hours at the site. Local residents, businesses and the NSW EPA would have no right to limit works outside standard day time construction hours at the site. As we have seen with other stages of WestConnex this leads to devastating impacts for residents who must endure significant periods of exposure to out of hours works which involve noise, lights and disturbance.

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In so far as it describes the Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) at Leichhardt the EIS does not meet this requirement because it does not describe the components and activities that have been described to the community either in meetings with LAW (Leichhardt Against WestConnex) or at the WestConnex Community Reference Group established by Sydney Motorway Corporation.

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#### **Construction vehicle safety impacts**

**I object** to the EIS because the proposal in relation to the Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) at Leichhardt stated therein, that 'heavy vehicles associated with spoil haulage would travel eastbound on City West Link and turn right into Darley Road, Leichhardt' presents unacceptable safety and amenity impacts.

The corner of Darley Rd (actually James St) and the City West Link is a pedestrian zone for:

- Pupils of Orange Grove Public School who live in Leichhardt
- Students of Sydney Secondary College, Leichhardt Campus who alight at Leichhardt North light rail stop
- Students of other schools along the light rail who board at Leichhardt North light rail stop
- Commuters who board at Leichhardt North light rail stop
- Residents walking to Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre and adjacent sporting facilities
- Residents walking to the Orange Grove markets on Saturdays

The proponents plan brings pedestrians and school children in particular directly into the path of spoil haulage trucks at an intersection found to be the third most dangerous according to Transport for NSW figures.

A further impact will be to discourage people from walking in this area leading to greater car use for local trips.

**I object** to the Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) at Leichhardt on the above grounds.

#### **Noise impacts**

**I object** to the EIS because the proponent has failed to take account of the fact that the demolition of 7 Darley Road, Leichhardt will remove a significant noise barrier to traffic noise from the City West Link. This will mean increased traffic noise impacts to the residents of Darley Rd, Francis St, Hubert St and Charles St.

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#### Hours of operation

- I object** to the EIS because it is effectively a 24 hour operation despite the fact that the proponent represents that spoil removal from this site would only occur within standard construction hours.

The EIS states in 6.5.8 Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4):

'Reasonable and feasible work practices and mitigation measures would be implemented to minimise potential noise impacts due to activities occurring at the Darley Road civil and tunnel site. Local residents, businesses and the NSW EPA would be kept informed about works outside standard day time construction hours at the site.

The EIS allows for the possibility of spoil handling above ground 24 hours 7 days a week. The EIS fails to assess or explain the impacts of this on the residents in nearby streets. These impacts could include construction noise, light and heavy vehicles (other than spoil trucks), workers arriving for shifts and leaving after shifts. It is not clear to what extent the acoustic shed will contain noise. The Jim Holt report stated that the acoustic shed would not operate effectively due to its location on the site. It is not clear whether the proponent will mandate the contractor to employ the highest level of acoustic protection rather than what is feasible.

#### Noise impacts

- The resident's of Darley Rd, Francis, Hubert and Charles St have little acoustic protection against the noise of truck engines, exhaust and brakes and none is contemplated in the EIS.

**I object** to the Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) at Leichhardt because the truck noise impacts for residents will be too great for the extended period of construction involved and the Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) at Leichhardt should be rejected on this basis.

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### Noise impacts

- I object** to the EIS because the proponent incorrectly asserts construction traffic is unlikely to result in a noticeable increase in LAeq noise levels at receivers along the proposed construction traffic routes (Darley Road, Leichhardt and City West Link). This does not take account of the impact of vehicle noise from fully laden spoil trucks driving up the very steep incline from Darley Rd to the City West Link. It does not take account of the noise impact of vehicles using air brakes down the same incline and braking to enter the site. The impact of these will be substantial.

Commercial trucks are very loud; a standard diesel engine produces approximately 100 decibels (dB) of noise.

Engine braking noise can be disturbing both because it is loud and also as it has a distinctive characteristic modulation. Engine braking noise is caused by pulses of gases being emitted from the truck exhaust system, giving a 'machine gun' sound.

**I object** to the Darley Rd site because of the level of noise that the trucks will cause.

### Truck routes

- I object** to the EIS because it fails to describe the truck route options available to the proponent in relation to the Darley Rd site and instead allows for the final plan to be detailed in the CTAMP, Preferred Infrastructure Report or Ancillary Facilities Management Plan. Peter Jones of SMC has on many occasions made representations to the community that his plan is to stage trucks from the port and eventually when possible to have them arrive and depart from the site underground when a tunnel is established between Leichhardt and the M4 East. He has also said that loading of spoil would take place underground at this time. He has recently told us of his plan to load trucks from a ramp off the city west link by means of a hopper conveyor which would pass over the Light rail station delivering spoil into silos below which trucks would pull up to receive their load. The laden trucks would then travel west bound along the city west link. None of this plan is detailed in the EIS. **I object** to the fact that I am denied the opportunity to assess the impacts of all options. **I object** to the fact that I will have no right or opportunity to have input into the CTAMP, PIR or AFMP on matters which will have a devastating impact to me and to residents near 7 Darley Rd.

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## SUBMISSION OF OBJECTION TO WESTCONNEX M4/M5 LINK EIS.

I strongly object to this proposal in its entirety and urge the Secretary of Planning to advise the Minister to refuse the application on the grounds below. NSW Planning must require the Proponent to properly and adequately address the impacts set out below which are not adequately addressed in the EIS. NSW Planning must reject this EIS and instead recommend to the NSW government that there should be an independent review of WestConnex before more billions are spent and more residents' lives are damaged.

The EIS states 'the detail of the design and construction approach is indicative only based on a concept design and is subject to detailed design and construction planning to be undertaken by the successful contractors.' The community will have no opportunity to comment on the Preferred Infrastructure Report which forms the basis of the approval conditions. This means the community will have limited say in the management of the impacts identified in the EIS. The EIS needs to provide an opportunity for the community to meaningfully input into this report and approval conditions .

I completely reject the notion that unfiltered pollution stacks should be built anywhere in Sydney, let alone three or four in a single area. I am particularly concerned that schools would be near such unfiltered stacks.

The EIS states, there are at least 5 schools that will be in the orbit of these poisonous fumes. Children and the elderly are most at risk of lung ailments. The Education Minister Rob Stokes declared in 2017, that "No ventilation shafts will be built near any school." in his electorate. The same should be applied in all areas of Sydney and the government needs to urgently review its policy of support for unfiltered stacks.

With four unfiltered emissions stacks in Rozelle, two in Haberfield (one each for the M4East and New M5) and two in St Peters, along with a large number of exit portals, residents of these area will suffer greatly from direct exposure to poisonous diesel particulates.

This is negligent when you consider that the World Health Organisation in 2012 declared diesel particulates carcinogenic.

I object to the indicative design for the Rozelle Interchange. Sydney Motorway Corporation has not been able to identify any other similar underground interchange project anywhere in the world or find a construction company to build it. This EIS should be rejected because it would be absurd to approve such a design concept without evidence that it could be constructed.

The EIS shows that traffic on the City West Link, Johnston St, the Crescent, Catherine St and Ross street would greatly increase during the construction period and also be greatly increased if Stage 3 were ever completed. It states that Stage 3 would do nothing to improve traffic congestion in the area, in fact it will add to the problem. Many of these areas are already congested at peak times. Even the EIS recognises that this would have a negative impact on the local area as more and more people try to avoid the congestion by using rat runs through local streets.

I object to the use of Darley Rd, Leichhardt as a dive site. The site cannot accommodate the projected traffic movements without jeopardising the road network. Darley Road is a critical access road for the residents of Leichhardt and the inner west to access and cross the City West Link. As the EIS acknowledges and anyone who have driven there knows, this route is already congested at peak hours. The intersection at James Street and the City West link already has queues at the traffic lights. The only other option for commuters to access the city West Link is to use Norton Street, a two-lane largely commercial strip which is already at capacity. The addition of hundreds of trucks

and contractor vehicles will result in traffic grinding to a halt and traffic chaos at this critical juncture with commuter travel times drastically increased.

I object to the acquisition of this site on the basis that Dan Murphys renovated and started a new business in December 2016, in full knowledge that they were to be acquired, with the acquisition process commencing early November 2016. This is maladministration of public money and the taxpayer should not be left to foot the compensation bill in these circumstances. With the Premier having now been referred to ICAC over the lease extension granted over this site, it is very clear that there has been a lack of transparency in the dealings with this site.

The noise and air quality studies are completely dependent on the accuracy of the traffic analysis and assumptions. If the traffic analysis is flawed, so too are the air and noise studies and local road traffic impacts. Only last week Citi financial analysts in a report to their large investors were of the view that the traffic predictions contained were unlikely to be achievable. An EIS based on inaccurate traffic analysis cannot be approved.

The inadequate traffic analysis shows that even if this tollway and all other proposed tollways are completed, the St Peters Interchange and Frederick Street in Ashfield will be considerably more congested in 2033 if the project goes ahead.

We are also concerned that the traffic figures relied upon in the EIS are simply not reliable. AECOM, the company responsible for this EIS, has a well-documented record of wrongly predicting traffic. Already there are reports that the traffic for all stages of WestConnex has been overestimated and construction costs underestimated. (SMH 'Pressure builds on government to sweeten WestConnex sale' 5/10/2017)

Reductions of volumes of traffic on Parramatta Rd, King Georges Road or the existing M5 are asserted but the model which projects these effects is not provided for scrutiny or independent assessment. The model's margin for error is not stated. The rest of the benefits all depend on the asserted traffic reductions generating improved travel times and better bus services or freight movement etc. So far the experience of the growth of traffic on Parramatta Rd in response to the re-imposition of tolls on the widened section of the M4 gives us leave to doubt these touted benefits.

There is reference in the EIS to the WestConnex Road Traffic Model version 2.3 (WRTM v2.3), a strategic traffic model that has been used in the traffic analysis. This model was developed by the NSW Roads and Maritime Services who have constantly pushed a motorway agenda to the disadvantage of the development of more public transport. There is insufficient explanation of the nature of the model, where it can be accessed and what function it plays in the analysis. There is no clear explanation of how the assumptions that underpin the WRTM have changed between EIS stages. Since so much else in the EIS including noise and air quality predictions are dependent on this forecasting, the lack of transparency makes it difficult for the EIS to be subject to independent critique.

When measuring the impacts in the EIS, it is important to bear in mind the mismanagement of the project to date and residents have little confidence that any measures set out in the approval document will, in fact, be complied with. During 2017 residents in St Peters have been subject to appalling odours which have damaged the health of some community members and damaged the quality of life of many more. SMC has failed to comply with the environmental protection licence that it was granted as part of previous approvals. NSW Planning has shown that it does not have the powers to enforce compliance. In this situation conditions are meaningless. I am appalled that there is a significant risk that these odours would continue if Stage 3 is approved. I would strongly object to the NSW EPA granting a license for this project on the basis of this application and with no clear plan for how contamination would be controlled. No community should be treated in this manner.

The Environmental Impact Statement for Stage 3 admits that the traffic around St Peters will be worse when both stages are completed. So the community would have to put up with the exhaust from tunnels and additional car emissions from the traffic. Car emissions are known to shorten the lives of those who live within half a kilometre of a busy roadway. Diesel exhaust from trucks is classed as a carcinogen.

I am also concerned that Haberfield and Ashfield residents are being given the apparent choice of two construction plans, Option A or Option B, both of which will have severe impacts on the community. In fact the EIS hints at other options that have not been fully disclosed.

During the Stage one consultation phase, residents were repeatedly told that after construction of the M4 East, there would be no more above ground construction in Haberfield. It now appears that they were misled. SMC is already

preparing its Preferred Infrastructure Report which will include its final choice of option. I demand that this report be made public as soon as it is filed with NSW Planning and that residents be given a right to consultation on the actual plan before a determination on this EIS application is made by NSW Planning.

There are overlaps in the construction periods of the New M5 and M4 of up to one year. This will significantly worsen impacts for residents close to construction areas. No additional mitigation or any compensation is offered for residents for these periods.(Executive Summary xxvii). It is unacceptable that residents should have these prolonged periods of exposure to more than one project. The EIS makes no attempt to seriously research the current impacts on residents, measure what the cumulative impacts would be or make suggestions that would mitigate the cumulative impact of these prolonged periods of construction noise exposure.

The EIS identifies a significant risk of leaks of contaminated water into Rozelle Bay and Alexandria Canal. Such risks to health of Sydney's waterways is not acceptable to me. The Sydney Motorway Corporation through its conduct at St Peters has shown that it cannot be trusted to manage contamination risks.

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**Your view on the application: I object to it**

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Extra comments

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I object to the use of Darley Rd, Leichhardt as a dive site. The site cannot accommodate the projected traffic movements without jeopardising the road network. Darley Road is a critical access road for the residents of Leichhardt and the inner west to access and cross the City West Link. As the EIS acknowledges and anyone who has driven there knows, this route is already congested at peak hours. The intersection at James Street and the City West link already has queues at the traffic lights. The only other option for commuters to access the City West Link is to use Norton Street, a two-lane largely commercial strip which is already at capacity. The addition of hundreds of trucks and contractor vehicles will result in traffic grinding to a halt and traffic chaos at this critical juncture with commuter travel times drastically increased.

I object to the acquisition of this site on the basis that Dan Murphys renovated and started a new business in December 2016, in full knowledge that they were to be acquired, with the acquisition process commencing early November 2016. This is maladministration of public money and the taxpayer should not be left to foot the compensation bill in these circumstances. With the Premier having now been referred to ICAC over the lease extension granted over this site, it is very clear that there has been a lack of transparency in the dealings with this site.

The noise and air quality studies are completely dependent on the accuracy of the traffic analysis and assumptions. If the traffic analysis is flawed, so too are the air and noise studies and local road traffic impacts. Only last week Citi financial analysts in a report to their large investors were of the view that the traffic predictions contained were unlikely to be achievable. An EIS based on inaccurate traffic analysis cannot be approved.

The inadequate traffic analysis shows that even if this tollway and all other proposed tollways are completed, the St Peters Interchange and Frederick Street in Ashfield will be considerably more congested in 2033 if the project goes ahead.

We are also concerned that the traffic figures relied upon in the EIS are simply not reliable. AECOM, the company responsible for this EIS, has a well-documented record of wrongly predicting traffic. Already there are reports that the traffic for all stages of WestConnex has been overestimated and construction costs underestimated. (SMH 'Pressure builds on government to sweeten WestConnex sale' 5/10/2017)

Reductions of volumes of traffic on Parramatta Rd, King Georges Road or the existing M5 are asserted but the model which projects these effects is not provided for scrutiny or independent assessment. The model's margin for error is not stated. The rest of the benefits all depend on the asserted traffic reductions generating improved travel times and better bus services or freight movement etc. So far the experience of the growth of traffic on Parramatta Rd in response to the re-imposition of tolls on the widened section of the M4 gives us leave to doubt these touted benefits.

There is reference in the EIS to the WestConnex Road Traffic Model version 2.3 (WRTM v2.3), a strategic traffic model that has been used in the traffic analysis. This model was developed by the NSW Roads and Maritime Services who have constantly pushed a motorway agenda to the disadvantage of the development of more public transport. There is insufficient explanation of the nature of the model, where it can be accessed and what function it plays in the analysis. There is no clear explanation of how the assumptions that underpin the WRTM have changed between EIS stages. Since so much else in the EIS including noise and air quality predictions are dependent on this forecasting, the lack of transparency makes it difficult for the EIS to be subject to independent critique.

When measuring the impacts in the EIS, it is important to bear in mind the mismanagement of the project to date. Residents have little confidence that any measures set out in the approval document will, in fact, be complied with. During 2017 residents in St Peters have been subject to appalling odours which have damaged the health of some community members and damaged the quality of life of many more. SMC has failed to comply with the environmental protection licence that it was granted as part of previous approvals. NSW Planning has shown that it does not have the powers to enforce compliance. In this situation conditions are meaningless. I am appalled that there is a significant risk that these odours would continue if Stage 3 is approved. I would strongly object to the NSW EPA granting a license for this project on the basis of this application and with no clear plan for how contamination would be controlled. No community should be treated in this manner.

The Environmental Impact Statement for Stage 3 admits that the traffic around St Peters will be worse when both stages are completed. So the community would have to put up with the exhaust from tunnels and additional car emissions from the traffic. Car emissions are known to shorten the lives of those who live within half a kilometre of a busy roadway. Diesel exhaust from trucks is classed as a carcinogen.

I am also concerned that Haberfield and Ashfield residents are being given the apparent choice of two construction plans, Option A or Option B, both of which will have severe impacts on the community. In fact the EIS hints at other options that have not been fully disclosed.

During the Stage one consultation phase, residents were repeatedly told that after construction of the M4 East, there would be no more above ground construction in Haberfield. It now appears that they were misled. SMC is already preparing its Preferred Infrastructure Report which will include its final choice of option. I demand that this report be made public as soon as it is filed with NSW Planning and that residents be given a right to consultation on the actual plan before a determination on this EIS application is made by NSW Planning.

There are overlaps in the construction periods of the New M5 and M4 of up to one year. This will significantly worsen impacts for residents close to construction areas. No additional mitigation or any compensation is offered for residents for these periods. (Executive Summary xxvii). It is unacceptable that residents should have these prolonged periods of exposure to more than one project. The EIS makes no attempt to seriously research the current impacts on residents, measure what the cumulative impacts would be or make suggestions that would mitigate the cumulative impact of these prolonged periods of construction noise exposure.

The EIS identifies a significant risk of leaks of contaminated water into Rozelle Bay and Alexandria Canal. Such risks to health of Sydney's waterways is not acceptable to me. The Sydney Motorway Corporation through its conduct at St Peters has shown that it cannot be trusted to manage contamination risks.

I object to the EIS on the grounds that it fails the Secretary's requirement for "meaningful" consultation. Hundreds of residents within the proposed project zone were not even notified of feedback sessions. Hundreds of submissions on the concept design, including a major one from the Inner West Council, were ignored. Consultation is not the provision of glossy brochures, light on detail, which minimise the negative aspects of a project and state that ever impact will be managed by a 'plan'.

SMC was required to consider alternatives. This section in the EIS is tokenistic at best. The City of Sydney came up with a well thought out alternative plan and this has been ignored in the EIS.

I urge the Secretary of NSW Planning to publicly acknowledge all of the concerns raised by myself and my fellow concerned citizens including those raised in this submission, and advise the Minister to reject this EIS.

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