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Application: SSI 7485

RE: Westconnex, Rozelle Interchange, Modification Report (Aug.2019) Response to the Proposed Modifications

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of Bayview Crescent, Annandale and I am not happy with the modifications and object.

## **OVERPASS**

- 1. Ugly design. It's something we would have designed in the 60's. Please don't make the mistake like we did with the Carl Expressway at Circular Quay. Future generations will thank us.
- 2. Partially blocks the mural on The Crescent.
- 3. With this option there is no right hand turn into James Craig Rd.
- 4. Visual impacts on views from Bayview Crescent. Bayview Crescent is a unique street that enjoys views of Rozelle Bay across to the city skyline. Locals like to walk this way for the views and the shade of the trees. Also it is a local's delight on New year's Eve where people gather to watch the fireworks.
- 5. Noise pollution

Cars, trucks and motorbikes accelerating up a slope changing gears- 24hours a day, 7 days a week. It's not the same as a flat road. Bayview Crescent severely affected.

- 6. Visual Pollution
  - from lighting and signage
  - easy access for graffiti writers
  - 8M high under clearance over City West Link (too high I think)
- 7. Air Quality- Bayview Crescent severely affected

8. Loss of proposed pedestrian bridge from the light rail station to The Crescent with the overpass design.

# NO RIGHT TURN FROM JOHNSTON ST TO THE CRESCENT

- 1. We will have to drive through residential streets of Annandale to get onto The Crescent. "Rat runs" will develop. Many use this right hand turn to get to The Tramsheds, Forest Lodge and Glebe.
- 2. Another reason to keep a right hand turn on Johnston St is the height of of the rail bridge on Johnston St which has a low clearance of 4.3M. On The Crescent it is 5.6M clearance. This could cause a problem if an oversized truck realises it isn't going to fit underneath. At least it will be able to turn right and get under the higher clearance. Don't laugh I've witnessed this happening quite a few times. I've lived at 1 Bayview Crescent for 42 years and overlook that intersection.

## 4 CROSSINGS TO GET TO THE PARK FROM BAYVIEW CRESCENT STEPS

I have one set of lights to get to the park now. This design is unacceptable, impractical, dangerous and time consuming. I ask you keep the same configuration as there is now. Our direct and safe access to the park and water is very much under threat. Please hear the community and don't sign off on this modification.

#### GREEN LINK

It seems to be in line with the overpass at the Rozelle Light Rail Station. From the Annandale end there is no greenery, nearly half of it isn't greened. There will be no shade. Shocker in Sydney summers. It will be very ugly with cars and concrete featuring. Keep the design that was passed by the EIS in 2017.

### NEW SHARED USER PATH BRIDGE

An eyesore! Sorry planners, surely you can do better than this. Give us a design we can live with and be proud of. It's your time to shine.

#### <u>AIR QUALITY</u>

-is going to be very poor in the Northern end of Annandale. I't's known air pollution causes inflammation in the body and can lead to stroke. Very hard for people with breathing conditions such as asthma. I know the unfiltered stacks have been passed

but with the massive tree massacre around here and extra cars on the road it would be a good if you could reverse that decision. What use is knowledge if you don't apply it?

### OTHER CONCERNS

Johnston St which is primarily a residential street has become a feeder road for Westconnex. 2 lanes of traffic will be funnelled into Johnston St. I guess this means angle parking will have to go. Where do these cars park?

I read an interesting article in The Sydney Morning Herald by Chris Walton dated 29/8/19 "Why Sydney is about to harbour dodgy engineers?" At this stage anyone can call themselves an engineer. In this article it explains that NSW is developing an engineer registration scheme but it only applies to the building industry (probably because all the of the dodgy building of the units going on). It will not apply to major infrastructure such as the construction of Westconnex. Let's hope we have fully qualified engineers. We all remember the collapse of the Lane Cove Tunnel due to poor scoping and design back in 2005.

Noise, vibrations, night works, dust, construction traffic and yes I am worried. I am alarmed and I'm not in favour of the modifications. It is clear road builders have been given carte blanche to amend or ignore conditions of consent for the original plan. I plea -DO NOT PASS- people before cars, SAVE ANNANDALE AND MY COMMUNITY.

With kind regards.

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