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Dear Minister Constance,

Re: application number SSI 7485 - WestConnex M4-M5 Link – Modification 2 The Crescent overpass

I oppose this overpass and request that it is changed to a short tunnel (less than 120metres long).

This modification will impose hugely on the local landscape in the inner west. The new elevated overpass is completely at odds with local development standards and will have a significant negative visual impact on Annandale and its surrounds. Think the Cahill Expressway!!!

An underpass provides the best visual and urban outcomes and should allow the retention of the green bridge in a location to best connect the parklands together. This underpass needs to be designed to also facilitate the single pedestrian crossing at Johnston Street.

- No right turn at The Crescent will lead to increased local traffic in Annandale
- Reinstate the right-hand turn lane at the Crescent from Johnston Street
- Retain and protect trees, including mature figs, adjacent the light rail station as per the EIS consideration
- Maximise pedestrian connectivity, not impede it
- Protect the people's mural
- The loss of Buruwan Park is not avoidable.

Governments must be conspicuous about going to considerable lengths to ensure its projects have the least possible impact on the natural and built environments. In this case, it does not appear that sufficient effort or imagination have been brought to bear to protect the environment and its inhabitants from undue harm.

I know as that as the Minister responsible for this state significant infrastructure you would want it to have no greater environmental impact than is absolutely necessary.

Accordingly, I ask that you act urgently to grant a stay of execution for Buruwan Park until the outcome of the MOD 2 amendment is known and which could spare our precious inner-city oasis.

Generations will not only look back in disbelief at what will be lost, but also at the eyesore that was 'designed' and built in Sydney in 2020. Please do better.

Yours faithfully

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