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An email has been received from **Uwe Roehm** from the Department of Planning, Industry, and Environment's Contact Us online form.

The contact form submission details are below:

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Your enquiry is about: Public consultations exhibitions

Enquiry details:

Dear Sir or Madam, we would like to make a submission to the project proposal with application number SSI-7485-Mod-2, and raise our objections to the proposed "The Crescent" overpass, which was proposed as an amendment to the Westconnex Rozelle Interchange. Building an overpass at the intersection of The Crescent and City West Link will in our opinion impact the community unproportional in respect to the claimed traffic flow improvements. In particular we are concerned about (1) significantly increase in noise pollution in Annandale and the Glebe Foreshore, especially in Federal Park and Bicentennial Park, (2) increased air pollution in the same areas, and (3) the negative visual impact of a large overpass at The Crescent which contradicts the vision of an underground interchange. (4) We also do not believe that this will improve the traffic flow at this location significantly (if at all), but just push the bottleneck further up The Crescent. The noise and pollution emitted from the proposed overpass will severely impact both the residents living at this part of Annandale, in particular at Bayview Crescent, as well as the nearby Glebe Foreshore Parks and its playground. This foreshore park is a popular recreational area and picnic spot for residents of Annandale, Glebe and Rozelle, especially for sports, dog walkers and families with children. There is also a small marina and local boat hire at this location. The Hilda Booler Kindergarten and The Crescent Early Learning Centre would be also affected. We know this area very well as we are using it regularly ourselves. We are very concerned about the proposed construction of an overpass just a few meters away from a popular park, playgrounds and a

kindergarten. As the plans show, the ramp to the overpass will stretch over the whole length of this end of The Crescent, so that not just the intersection itself would be affected, but also the Glebe foreshore parks and the foreshore starting from Johnston Street onwards. Knowing the current traffic noise in this area from Victoria Road and Anzac bridge - which are much further away - we are very concerned about the future noise pollution by traffic from an overpass just a few meters away and with no natural noise barrier in between. For example, according to Google Maps, the park area at the Rozelle Bay Public Ponton is just 120m away from the proposed overpass with an unobstructed line-of-view and noise; in contrast, it is 400m from here to the beginning of Victoria Road and over 800m to Anzac Bridge. One can only imagine how much louder and more polluted this area will become by the proposed overpass. We are further concerned and object to the visual impact by the suggested overpass. The photo on the front page of the community guide for this proposal (https://www.westconnex.com.au/sites/default/files/RI_The%20Crescent_Overpass_Modification_FINAL%20web.pdf) shows at this moment a nice, green foreshore with a small marina just before the intersection of The Crescent with West Link. An overpass at this location and bridging the West Link would be in our opinion an absolute eyesore, dominating this area and destroying the natural and green foreshore sight. We should not repeat the mistakes of the past of the Cahill Expressway at Circular Quay. Other global cities remove barriers to their foreshores (for example the Alaskan Way Viaduct replacement tunnel in Seattle), while Sydney wants to build new ones? We disagree! We do not think that these negative effects on the life and air quality to Glebe foreshore, which is very popular among the local community and especially children, out-weights the claimed improvements in traffic flow at this intersection. We are using this intersection ourselves when we drive to the West Link or towards Victoria Road, and we are fine with the current traffic flow including a set of traffic lights. We personally would rather wait for a few minutes at those traffic lights rather than to be exposed to the noise and the ugly view of an overpass. Having a ramp and overpass there will push the traffic bottleneck in our opinion just up The Crescent, negating any potential positive traffic flow effect around this intersection. In short, we cannot see any positives in this proposed overpass. We suggest to either build the connection to Westconnex underground (tunnel ramp) as initially approved(!) - or leave it as is and spare the money for an improvement to the parks around the Rozelle interchange. Sincerely Uwe Roehm and Christine Roehm Glebe

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