

Application Number SSI 7485**WestConnex M4-M5 Link – Modification 2 The Crescent overpass**

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It appears that the original concept design for The Crescent overpass has been ditched for another ugly, hard surface design that will unfavourable impact the local/surrounding areas and residents, completely ignoring the conditions of consent given for this project.

The modification removes many of the favourable urban design features of the original proposal replacing them with a massive overpass.

These changed conditions will mean increased noise and emissions for residents in Annandale and near suburbs.

The proposed overpass is totally out of step with local development in Annandale. It obstructs a local heritage mural and will destroy Buruwan Park, removing mature trees when the need for vegetation in urban areas is constantly recognised as critical for natural cooling and oxygen production.

Sufficient consideration hasn't been given to obvious alternatives such as an *underground tunnel* running under Whites Creek.

The redesign prioritises the needs of motorists, again, ignoring the experience of local pedestrian traffic, making it difficult for residents to access the public waterfront. Pedestrians walking from the Western side of Johnston Street will have to use an astonishing four pedestrian crossings in order to reach Bicentennial Park.

This pedestrian arrangement should be modified to allow pedestrians to cross direct from Johnston Street to the Park via The Crescent.

Relocating the green link to the west of the intersection of The Crescent and City West Link ignores the original conditions of consent given for this project and puts the needs of motorists ahead of pedestrians and cyclists.

RMS and the contractors should reconsider other design options for a continuous green link from Rozelle Goods Yard, across the City West Link into Jubilee Park, including a link to Annandale and the Rozelle Bay light rail stop.