

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

The original proposal was for an underpass to carry vehicular traffic, and small overpasses to carry pedestrians and bicycles. This proposal was superior to the proposed modification. The proposed modification entails much greater destruction of green space and a larger encroachment of roadway upon the environment than the original proposal. Also, the modified pedestrian and bicycle links will not connect to the foreshore as previously intended, making them less useful.

More generally, I support the objections to this proposal raised by Mr Jamie Parker, the member for Balmain.

I would be grateful if you could exercise your ministerial power to reconsider this proposed modification of the Westconnex plan and to return to something less destructive of the local environment around The Crescent.