

**Application Number SSI 7485****WestConnex M4-M5 Link – Modification 2 The Crescent overpass****Forest Lodge Public School P&C Association****Forest Lodge**

On behalf of the Forest Lodge Public School P&C Association I am writing to object to the proposed modifications to the Westconnex Stage 3b Rozelle Interchange. A number of parents from our school community have raised concerns about these changes and have requested that we, as a representative body, make a submission on their behalf.

We believe the modifications ignore the conditions of consent given for this project and remove many of the favourable urban design features of the original proposal. We object to the proposed changes for the following reasons.

- They remove the ability to turn right from Johnston St onto The Crescent resulting in Tramshed traffic being redirected via Annandale and Forest Lodge, thus increasing the volume of traffic through our neighbourhood.
- They result in an increase in the number of lanes coming from the Rozelle Interchange onto The Crescent, towards Forest Lodge. The lanes all merge around the intersection of Johnston Street and The Crescent increasing congestion on The Crescent/Ross St, which at peak times is already a car park.
- They combine and convolute the pedestrian pathway and cycleway, which were supposed to connect to the foreshore pathways, and place these beside a motorway overpass. This modification prioritises the needs of motorists over those of local pedestrians and cyclists. Indeed people crossing from the Western side of Johnston Street would have to use *four* pedestrian crossings in order to reach Bicentennial Park and relocating the pedestrian bridge creates an unnecessarily long walk and climb for pedestrians.
- They create a monstrous overpass, which was supposed to be a hidden “underpass”, with the resulting negative visual impact. The proposed overpass is out of step with local development and will impose hugely on the local landscape.
- They result in the destruction and loss of over 70 trees, including the large, mature fig trees at Buruwan Park. Removing vegetation impacts on the liveability of our suburb, as it removes shade and destroys the green barrier between the City West Link and homes. Even with replanting it would take decades to return tree cover to this site.
- They fail to solve the traffic congestion problem in this area and, in fact, would worsen the problem.

We believe these modifications should not be permitted and sufficient consideration should be given to obvious alternatives, for example, an underground tunnel running under Whites Creek.

We trust that you give our opinion as local people with school children living in this neighbourhood due consideration and we would be happy to meet to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

Jill Jeremy  
Secretary

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