

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

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I refer to the proposed modifications to the approved design of the M4-M5 link MOD 2. This design impacts The Crescent in Annandale between Johnston St and the City West Link. The modification removes many of the favourable urban design features of the original proposal replacing them with a massive overpass.

I wish to express my concern and dismay that the propose modifications to the original concept design will result in:

1. Massive imposing overpass instead of an underground tunnel
2. Relocation of the green link which will no longer connect Lilyfield with the foreshore at Glebe
3. Addition of a 5m high unvegetated footbridge between the Rozelle Goods Yard at Lilyfield and the Glebe foreshore
4. No direct route for pedestrian or cycling traffic between Annandale and Glebe foreshore
5. Obstruction of the 'people's mural' on The Crescent
6. No right turn from Johnston St into The Crescent

The modifications completely ignore the conditions of consent given for this project and threatens to impose unacceptable negative consequences on the landscape and liveability of our local area.

The modification prioritises the needs of motorists, over the experience of local pedestrian traffic. Pedestrians walking from the Western side of Johnston Street will have to use an astonishing four pedestrian crossings in order to reach Bicentennial Park (see diagram below).

I request the RMS work with the community to explore alternate design options to the proposed new car overpass design and changed pedestrian and cyclist links. I seek the reinstatement of the safe, direct access from the approved EIS Greenlink to create a continuous green open space connection from the Rozelle Rail yards and Annandale to the foreshore. The Greenlink was more than just a walkway – it placed people central to the design, maximizing safety, and providing much needed accessible open space for the community now and into the future Bays Precinct design.

I request the RMS put people back into the plan – we want you to reinstate the vision as laid out in Transport for NSW Future Strategy 2056. I request you work with the community to design a feasible option that returns the best elements from the approved EIS design into the modification.