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

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission.

I am concerned about the changes in the design, especially regarding loss of the direct, connected shared user pathway from the Crescent/Whites Creek path to Glebe Foreshore. Access to the Glebe Foreshore provides access to quality green space for local residents, as well as a key link to destinations such as schools like Blackwattle and the city, for children and slower cyclists who prefer a quieter, flatter and more scenic route.

Relocating the green link to the west so that it will no longer directly connect with the Glebe foreshore and installing multiple traffic lights to cross would compromise access for pedestrians, cyclists and wheelchair users, adding to commute times and reducing safety. This seems inconsistent with the recently announced Premier's priority to ensure all Sydney residents are within 10 minute walking distance of quality green space - especially if it takes close to that time to cross the road.

If the reroute adds distance as well as elevation, it could present significant challenges for less mobile/less fit community members to access the parks and connection to the Fish Markets/Sydney city - including for prams and wheelchairs.

Please rethink flat, direct shared use access to the Foreshore, especially since this was what was previously approved as a condition for removing Buruwan Park.