

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

The original plan was to construct an underground tunnel allowing traffic from the Crescent to cross the City West Link. This plan also included a single safe direct pedestrian and cycle access from the Rozelle Goods Yard to the Glebe foreshore and Annandale via an above ground vegetated link.

The new plan will have in lieu a huge overpass with the loss of the green link and result in no direct route for pedestrians between the Annandale and Glebe foreshores.

Such a change will result in loss of over 70 trees including mature fig trees along with the retrograde step of the loss of well designed pedestrian and cycle access in the area. Such a loss of green vegetation AND reduction of pedestrian friendly urban design will have negative impacts of people's physical and mental health and would also contribute towards more use of cars, leading to more traffic and CO2 production.

There is overwhelming evidence that cities have to be designed around people, not cars, so in the development and design of any new works such as this, then the health and safety of the people that live in the area must take precedence.

I strongly urge you reconsider and not adopt this new proposal and look again at how such road works can be built in order to help us all live in a healthier and better urban environment.