

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

Re: Application Number SSI 7485 I strongly object to the proposed above ground road overpass at The Crescent in Annandale for the following reasons.

1. I support to change the overpass to that of a short tunnel under the City West Link. An underpass will provide the best visual and urban outcome and will not impede views of the foreshore parklands and the CBD.
2. The underpass needs to be designed to retain the single pedestrian crossing at Johnston Street which is safe and easy to access.
3. An underground tunnel will allow the Green Link connecting the Glebe foreshore and Bicentennial Park to the new Rozelle Parklands to stay intact. Therefore the original Green Link be maintained and not altered to necessitate a crossing at The Crescent with a proposed bridge.
4. Retaining a tunnel will still allow the current right turn at The Crescent to be maintained. The proposed overpass option will eliminate this turn causing a huge increase in traffic through Annandale. In turn, this will increase emissions, noise and danger to the residents.
5. The proposed overpass will make the people's mural next to Johnston St entrance no longer viable. This is a treasured community asset that will be rendered useless due to the overpass.
6. I support the retention and protection of the vegetation including Sydney blue gums and Moreton Bay fig trees. These will provide pedestrian and visual amenity given that the most part of Buruwan Park will be destroyed.