

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

As you well know the people living in Annandale do not want the overpass to be built as it will cause damage to their quality of life. The government should listen to the people who had lived in the area for a long time, they know the solution better than some people in government that do not see the holistic approach but instead through a tunnel vision. We also know that building more roads will increase traffic congestion, air pollution and Climate change as more people will drive. The solution is to have less cars on the road. I have never in my life own a car the same as my daughter and we manage, less expenses and less stress on our lives.

The country's top bureaucrats say Government appears unprepared for climate change
ABC, 11/9/2019

Professor Andy Pitman, head of the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Climate Extremes, said wargaming future scenarios was exactly what the public service should be doing.

"Climate change is really, in the context of the government, simply a risk. And risks should always be thoroughly examined," Professor Pitman said.

"The consequences of climate change are here now and are not something to be thought of as just in the future. But obviously with the emissions trajectories as they are it's inevitable that risks will continue."

He said he was not particularly worried whether this group or some other group was carrying on that work.

"What would concern me is if the scenario-planning — the stress-testing — isn't being done in government."

Former deputy commissioner of the NSW Fire Brigade Ken Thompson is more concerned. "It does worry me because there's a lot of work that needs to be done in this space," Mr Thompson said.

"The problem with Australia is that we're probably more prone to these disasters than many other countries but we're probably one of the least-prepared simply because we don't have this overarching government framework that's needed to help us plan," he said.

Dr Sarah Boulter, a senior researcher at the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility, said a high-level group needs to be looking at climate risk at a whole-of government level.

She said both the impacts of climate change — and potential adaptations — have consequences that cut across government departments.

"So if one department says, 'look, the only way that we can protect this part of the coast is

to build a seawall' – that will have implications for biodiversity, for fisheries, for transport."