

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

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I request RMS work with the community to explore alternate design options to the proposed new car overpass design and the changed pedestrian and cyclist links. **I am seeking 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 walk way - it put people central to the design, maximising safety, and providing much needed accessible open space for the community now and into the future Bays Precinct design.**

I am requesting RMS put people back into the plan – we want you to **reinstate your own vision as laid out in Transport for NSW Future Strategy 2056**. Work with us to design a feasible option that brings the best elements from the approved EIS design into the modification.

My key concerns with the M4-M5 Modification are:

- The significantly reduced safety and increased risk for pedestrians and cyclists with removed access over The Crescent to Bicentennial Park
- The significantly increased traffic along Johnston Street.
- Being required to cross five sets of pedestrian lights at The Crescent as my option to reach the foreshore from Annandale or from Rozelle Bay light rail stop.
- Being unable to turn right into The Crescent to access Bicentennial and Jubilee Park
- Removal of direct active links to the foreshore, cutting the community off from the area and the proposed revitalisation of the entire Bays Precinct, including linking the Light Rail and Bus stops to a Ferry wharf and Metro station.
- Urban and landscape design that is being built before a finalised Masterplan for the area.
- Traffic changes that limit movements around the suburb and create further congestion in the local streets of Annandale, Forest Lodge, Glebe, Lilyfield and Rozelle with no planning to deal with these.
- Inadequate pollution controls with Westconnex and the Rozelle Interchange where unfiltered air will be expelled by the parks where our children will be playing sports.

My submission is asking RMS and the Project Team to:

- Reinstate the GreenLink connecting communities and green open space from Rozelle to Bicentennial Park
- Relocate and design pedestrian and cyclist connections that are continuous, safe and direct.
- Design the modification infrastructure and active links in response to the character of the suburbs, the location of the foreshore and it's potential future development for the enjoyment of the community.
- Provide pedestrian and cyclist paths that maximise people safety and do not force them onto busier streets, unsafe concrete plazas and caged walkways.
- Integrate active and direct connections to all active transport – including the future Metro West and Foreshore Ferry Wharf (in Annandale)

In addition I would like RMS to introduce 90 degree parking on both sides of Johnston Street and resident parking restrictions. I would also like RMS to support the call for improved public transport options, such as a ferry, so that it does not take one hour to travel 9km from Annandale to North Sydney on 2 buses and a train.