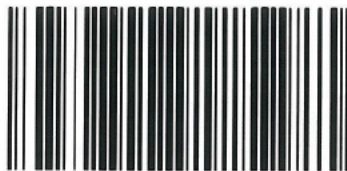


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RE: Submission Application Number SSI 7485

Dear Director,

I am contacting you about an extremely important matter that will effect the daily lives of thousands of Rozelle residents and represents an unacceptable danger to local residents regarding this project.

WestConnex have proposed closing the pedestrian crossing at Terry St on Victoria Road for 3 years as part of the Iron Cove construction process. I support the WestConnex project generally, but closing this pedestrian crossing would be a terrible outcome for three reasons:

- 1 – It is highly impractical to all living in the area and no doubt will result in allot of discontent and complaints from local residents on both sides of Victoria Road. It is essential to cross at Terry Street in order to access the bus stops. The plan would create a major and daily imposition for thousands of local bus commuters.
- 2 - The closure of the pedestrian crossing at Terry Street would make it impossible for many people with a disability to use public transport. This would effect my sister directly and would have a huge impact on her quality of life. I know there are others who would be similarly impacted.
- 3 - There is a very serious flaw in the proposal with regards to public safety. Because there is a right turn lane on Victoria Road onto Terry Street there is no way to create a physical barrier that would prevent crossing Victoria Road there and people will cross without the assistance of a pedestrian crossing. Hundreds, if not thousands of people would cross there each day for 3 years in an unsafe manner. This situation would be extremely dangerous and no doubt result in a hot spot for pedestrian accidents.

In short, the proposal to close the pedestrian crossing at Terry St / Victoria Rd is completely ill-conceived, it places an unreasonable burden on local residents, a devastating outcome for disabled persons, and is dangerous to the general public to the point where fatalities are very likely.

I have contacted the WestConnex contractors directly on this matter and they are unable to provide any tangible reason why the crossing must be closed. I have also spoken with Darcy Byrne (Inner West Mayor) and he strongly opposes the closure but is powerless to make any change.

Sincerely,

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Kris Vogelsong