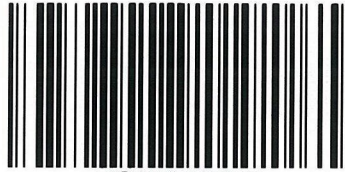
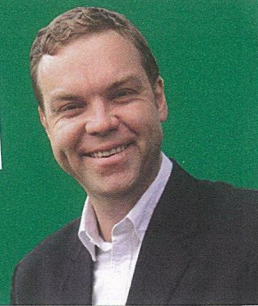




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Dear Director,

Mod 3 – Iron Cove ventilation underground – SSI-7485-Mod-3

I am writing to make an objection to the WestConnex M4-M5 Link – Modification 3 Iron Cove ventilation underground. Application number SSI-7485-Mod-3.

Global experience of major toll road construction has demonstrated conclusively that projects like this increase air pollution, encourage more car use, fleece road users with exorbitant tolls and eventually fill the increased road capacity they claim to create.

The evidence demonstrates that this modification won't solve Sydney's congestion problem and it will have huge negative impacts on our community.

While I welcome the reduced overshadowing impacts and the reduction in operational noise which should result from this modification, a number of concerns remain, including:

Ventilation

The NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into WestConnex recommended that the NSW Government install, on all current and future motorway tunnels, filtration systems in order to reduce the level of pollutants emitted from ventilation stacks.

It is world's best practice to filter exhaust stacks because of the toxic and carcinogenic pollutants that they emit. These pollutants impact air quality and in turn public health and residents have a right to be protected from them.

This modification is a missed opportunity to introduce necessary filtration to the exhaust stack proposed for Iron Cove.

Residual land

All residual land identified along Victoria Road at the Iron Cove should be dedicated to community use, such as planting, parks and playgrounds – not sold off to developers.

Our community is facing years of negative impacts as a result of WestConnex, the very

least the government can do is to provide some additional green areas and open public space after this project is complete.

Truck movements and resident amenity

The modification proposes to increase the number of truck movements by 30 per day. This is an unreasonable imposition on residents who are already faced with constant dust, noise and traffic as a result of this project. Any modification should aim to reduce impacts on the local community not increase the burden on residents.

Impacts on residents have not been managed effectively up to this point. The community also needs assurance that the contractor will take seriously the issues of noise, dust, increased traffic and reduced parking in local streets given this modification.

Please consider the strong concerns around this modification held by the inner west residents I represent, as well as their overwhelming objection to this project more broadly in our community.

Should you have any questions about this submission, please contact my office on 9660 7586 or balmain@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jamie Parker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jamie" and last name "Parker" clearly distinguishable.

Jamie Parker
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