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Submission in response to the WestConnex M4 East Tunnel (SSI 6307)

To whom it may concern,

I make the following submission to the Environmental Impact Statement exhibition for the WestConnex M4 East Tunnel Project (SSI 6307):

I am opposed to the construction of the M4 East Tunnel and strongly believe that WestConnex has not been planned with a genuine commitment to transparency and accountability. I believe that spending \$15.4 billion to achieve a 6 minute travel time saving is totally unjustified.

Additionally I believe that the EIS does not evaluate the detrimental impact of the project on other roads through the Haberfield/Leichhardt area, and believe that the traffic congestion will not be reduced on Parramatta Road and this will lead to frustrated drivers "rat-running" through previously quiet local streets in an attempt to avoid the Parramatta Road car park. This "rat-running" in streets such as Chandos St and Rogers Avenue in Haberfield will cause significant safety issues to children attending local schools and Childcare centres on these streets.

The Government has ignored the community by signing contracts to build this road before releasing the EIS, the full business case or obtaining planning approval.

The EIS shows that this unjustified project will irreversibly destroy the heritage values of Haberfield, Australia's oldest garden suburb.

I want the following addressed from the EIS:

- Filter the smoke stacks and relocate away from schools and childcare centres.
- Build a nose wall for properties in Ashfield and Haberfield next to Parramatta Rd interchange, during and after construction.
- Stop rat-running through Haberfield and Ashfield, by removing the right hand turn into Waratah St, Haberfield and close Rogers Avenue and Chandos St at Parramatta Rd during and after construction.
- Offer voluntary acquisitions and WDA-funded dilapidation reports for those properties near construction sites in Northcote, Wolseley, Wattle, Walker, Ramsay, Rogers Avenue, Chandos and Loftus Streets.
- Restrict tunnelling and truck movements to standard construction hours – no 24/7 truck movements.
- return acquired properties not required after construction to Ashfield Council for community use and public open space.

This project will not solve Sydney's traffic problems and NSW taxpayers money is better spent investing in Public Transport. Please consider my concerns and address them in your response to the community's submissions to the EIS.

Yours sincerely

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