

Submission: WestConnex M4 East EIS (SSI 6307)

I wish to express my “**strong objection**” to the WestConnex M4 East motorway proposal. If built it will generate additional traffic, funnelling it into heavily congested inner city roads and there will be an **UNFILTERED smoke stack 50 metres from my home spewing filth and poisoning my child**. It will require the demolition of hundreds of homes to distribute the traffic from the motorway into tiny backstreets and rat runs..

I also wish to register my objection to the government awarding tenders for the project before a full business case has been publicly released and before the EIS had been published and the public has exercised its right of participation.

The EIS process is supposed to allow for genuine public input and to result, potentially, in approval, non-approval, or approval with modifications, of the project. **Smells of corruption!!**

The present procedure makes a mockery of that right as **Duncan Gay has now created a corporation (of which he is a board member and will possibly make financial gain from it). Smells of corruption!!**

Government funding for this proposal – as part of the whole WestConnex proposal – will claim an extraordinary proportion of the state transport budget for years to come. This being the case, I am outraged that the EIS has failed to honestly and fully discuss its social, environmental, and economic impacts or to explain why it is preferable to other, alternative public- and active transport solutions.

In particular I draw attention to the EIS’s failure to:

- Adequately adhere to the rules governing the safe removal of

Asbestos which is currently illegally being moved to a new dump across Sydney owned by a “**Major Liberal Party Donator**”. **Smells of corruption!!**

- Factor into the traffic modelling the very large increase in apartment construction – and therefore of population – that has been promoted by the WestConnex Delivery Authority and other agencies as a major rationalisation for the proposal.
- Honestly discuss public transport and freight rail alternatives.
- Publish a robust business case to justify expenditure of billions of dollars worth of taxpayers’ funds.
- Properly describe the long term impacts of air pollution generated by the increased traffic volumes the project is designed to facilitate.
- Consider more sustainable public and active transport options that will produce a lower level of greenhouse gas emissions.