

The Secretary
DP&E Project No. SSI 6307
NSW Department of Planning and Environment
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Dear Sir / Madam,

Westconnex Project: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for M4East Tunnel Project (SSI 6307)

I am opposed to the Westconnex M4East Tunnel project in its entirety.

- To date there has not been adequate consultation regarding the impact of the construction of Westconnex which will have an impact on my property value and the quality of life in my neighbourhood. In the last two weeks I learned that my street will be closed off with a barrier to Parramatta road which I use daily. The construction site to be located at the Haberfield tunnel portal at the end of my street (Northcote Street, Haberfield) will require up to 20 B-Double trucks per hour carrying the spoil from the tunnel having a dramatic noise, light, and material pollution on this normally quiet street and therefore an impact on value of my property. The M4 East Tunnel EIS contains thousands of pages; a period of just 45 days to review and submit questions and comments is too short.
 - o **Extend the period of consultation to 180 days.**
 - o **Restrict construction to business hours in Haberfield – Northcote Street.**
- The business case for the expenditure of \$15.4Billion to complete Westconnex is not yet published or available for our review in its entirety. How can this significant expenditure be approved without a business case? More importantly was consideration for the expenditure to be used in part for active and public transportation? What modelling and value comparisons with public transport options have been completed prior to the execution of the Westconnex contracts? Urban development that does not demonstrate value for money and improvement to its users cannot be justified.
 - o **Demonstrate how the Westconnex in its current form is better than improved public transportation.**
- The EIS and Business Case for the M4East Westconnex Tunnel project needs to be revised to exclude any / all input received from – AECOM.
 - o **Remove any content provided by AECOM from the Westconnex financial/commercial/technical justification and EIS.**

- The Auditor General's Report to Parliament December 2014 – assessed the assurance provided to the NSW Government for the initial stages of the WestConnex project demonstrated shortcomings in the governance of the Westconnex project – Stage 1. Specifically that the agencies concerned** understood that the assurance arrangements endorsed by the Government replaced externally managed gateway reviews required by the Major Projects Assurance Framework. This led to a sub-optimal process. The Government relied on the steering committees and boards delivering the project to also provide independent assurance.

The report has made specific recommendations of how to improve the governance of the remainder of the project. These recommendations need to be implemented and made public for all stages of the project:

- o **Additional independent gateway reviews should be conducted immediately**
 - o **Independent gateway reviews with Infrastructure NSW involvement using the Government endorsed methodology conducted.**
 - o **The Westconnex Delivery Authority must clearly separate roles and responsibilities for delivery, commissioning, and assurance**
- ** Independent agencies involved were Roads and Maritime Services, WestConnex Delivery Authority, Infrastructure NSW, Transport for NSW, NSW Treasury and the Department of Premier and Cabinet. that the Westconnex Delivery Authority

Sincerely,

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