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Submission: Westconnex M4 East EIS (SSI 6307)

I write to express my strong objection to the proposed WestConnex M4 East motorway.

This tollroad is a project that will not improve the quality of life for residents of Sydney in the long term. The short-term decrease in travel times will in the long-term increase air pollution and encourage more car use, and will relatively soon strain the road's capacity leading to increased pressure for more tollroads or tollroad widening. It is not a long-term solution to Sydney's congestion problem and will not ultimately improve access from the western suburbs into inner Sydney and the airport.

I object to this proposal for the following reasons:

- Does not provide a long-term solution to traffic and congestion.
- Public money would be far better spent improving public transport, which genuinely and universally increases access for all residents of Sydney to all parts of the city.
- Is likely to create additional traffic on already congested arterial roads, like Parramatta and Victoria Roads.
- Requires the demolition and compulsory acquisition of hundreds of homes for a project of very dubious benefit.
- Does not provide a case for the developing this road over public transport projects.
- There is no publicly-released business case.
- Will divide communities.
- Increase 'rat-running' on minor roads/streets in areas adjacent to the development

I have serious concerns that the State Government's signing of multi-billion dollar contracts for WestConnex before this EIS was placed on public exhibition undermines community confidence that this is a genuine consultation process.

Kind regards

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