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NSW Department of Planning and Environment  
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Dear Sir / Madam,

## **WESTCONNEX M4 EAST TUNNEL EIS SUBMISSION**

On behalf of the residents of Waratah Street, Haberfield we would like to lodge our strong objection against the proposed right turn onto Waratah Street for the M4 East off-ramp traffic and the direct impacts on Waratah Street, the local road network, the amenity of the Haberfield community and the impacts on our local school.

We have reviewed the *WestConnex M4 East Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)*, dated September 2015 and have significant concerns that the EIS does not address the impacts of the increased traffic on Waratah Street and the other streets around Dobroyd Point Public School. These local streets will become rat-runs as east bound drivers from the M4 East off-ramp avoid the congestion of Dobroyd Parade caused by the seven sets of traffic lights on the City West Link between Waratah Street and the Anzac Bridge, a distance of approximately 3.6 km.

### **Dobroyd Point Public School**

Dobroyd Point Public School, established in 1937, is situated on Waratah Street, a typically quiet street in our heritage listed, Federation suburb. Haberfield was dubbed 'the garden suburb' in the early 20th century and retains its well-kept parks and quiet tree-lined streets. Known locally as 'the school among the trees', Dobroyd Point provides a small, peaceful learning environment for our children.

We are very alarmed about the impacts of the increased traffic will have on our school and our community.

### **Traffic**

As stated in the *RTA Guide to Traffic Generating Developments, October 2002* roads are designed and constructed in order to provide a service to existing and planned developments rather than promoting inappropriately located development, such as the M4 East traffic onto Waratah Street.

Haberfield's roads can be broadly categorised as minor roads: relatively low overall volumes of traffic and low volumes of through traffic. The traffic generated by WestConnex will cause Waratah Street and the adjacent Haberfield roads to be forced into performing a function of higher road classification.

The relevant government legislation and planning instruments that determine policy for traffic generating developments are:

- State Environmental Planning Policy No.11, Traffic Generating Developments (SEPP11).
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Section 90 Matters for Consideration.

The provisions of Section 90 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 that are relevant to traffic and safety and applicable to the proposed right turn into Waratah Street are:

(Provisions b and j – relating to the amount of traffic likely to be generated by the development, particularly in relation to the capacity of the road system in the locality and the probable effect of that traffic on the movement of traffic on that road system.

Provision o - relating to the existing and likely future amenity of the neighbourhood.

The EIS does not provide adequate information to cover the above items. With reference to Section 90 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, please address the following points:

1. The current number of vehicles using Waratah Street (turning from Dobroyd Parade) in peak morning, afternoon and peak afternoon times.
2. The number of vehicle movements likely to be generated on Waratah Street (turning from Dobroyd Parade) at completion of the project (2021).
3. The effect of traffic turning right onto Waratah Street on the local Haberfield road system.
4. The amenity of the neighbourhood along Waratah Street, at and adjacent to Dobroyd Point Public School and surrounding streets, at completion of the project (2021).

#### *Traffic Impact Studies*

Traffic impacts, in particular impacts on road safety and traffic noise to Waratah Street and the surrounding area have not been addressed in the EIS. Please address the following in regard to traffic impacts to Waratah Street:

5. The current annual average daily traffic on Waratah Street.
6. The estimated annual average daily traffic at completion of the project (2021)
7. The likely peak period (time of day) traffic volumes and any congestion levels on Waratah Street at completion of the project (2021).
8. The safety and efficiency of Waratah Street to cope with the projected traffic volumes determined in 6 and 7 above.
9. Provide the relevant guideline reference (eg. Austroads) and the criteria used to ensure Waratah Street complies with the required safety and other specifications associated with the projected increased traffic flow.
10. The impact of generated traffic from Dobroyd Parade on key intersections at Empire and Rawson Streets, adjacent to the Dobroyd Point Public School.
11. Safety impacts from increased traffic on Waratah Street to children and parents during short term pick up and drop off at Dobroyd Point Public School.
12. Impacts on street parking provisions.
13. Analysis of any projected queuing on Waratah Street at peak morning hour at completion of the project (2021).
14. Analysis of current and projected (at completion of the project) daily traffic flows on Waratah Street and surrounding streets near Dobroyd Point Public School and their expected effect on the environment (specifically air quality and pollution, emissions, safety, etc).
15. An analysis of current traffic noise compared to predicted traffic noise on Waratah Street and adjacent to Dobroyd Point Public School at completion of the project (2021).

We look forward to receiving the above information (Points 1 to 15) that were not addressed in the EIS and should be available for further consultation with the Dobroyd Point Public School, residents of Waratah Street and the local Haberfield community before any decision is made confirming the right hand turn into Waratah Street for the M4 East off-ramp traffic.

Yours faithfully,

#### **The Residents of Waratah Street, Haberfield**

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***Attachment: Petition: Residents of Waratah Street, Haberfield against WestConnex M4 East Tunnel; Right hand turn to Waratah Street.***