

Attention Director
Infrastructure Projects, Planning Services
Department of Planning and Environment
Application number SSI 6307
GPO Box 39 Sydney NSW 2001

All comments in this submission pertain to the Concord Road interchange and the associated construction sites and their effect on 74 concord road unless otherwise noted.

RE: Local Residences - Demolition Works

During site preparation works there are dozens of homes to be demolished and sites cleared. Are these workers controlled under the same EIS and construction site guidelines? If these workers are subcontractors as they most likely are, what controls are in place to ensure that all subcontractors are aware and compliant with agreed policies and controls in place for the project?

A number of residences to be demolished are very old and may contain any number of different contaminants (e.g. lead paints and asbestos). What control actions are in place for the proactive identification of hazardous substances, especially asbestos, and their subsequent safe removal?

I would also note that properties of similar age have often found toxic products buried on site.

I request that these details be made available for public comment prior to the approval of any site works.

Reference articles indicating that existing policies may be inadequate:

Sydney Morning Herald: "Clean-up of asbestos on WestConnex site in St Peters under scrutiny"
<http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/cleanup-of-asbestos-on-westconnex-site-in-st-peters-under-scrutiny-20150925-giuvbw.html>

Australian Broadcasting Corporation: "Residents living near expansion of WestConnex not warned of asbestos piles".
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-09-11/residents-not-warned-of-asbestos-next-to-westconnex-site/6769660>

Yours Sincerely

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