

To whom it may concern,

I am making the following submission to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) exhibition for the WestConnex M4 East Tunnel Project (SSI 6307).

As a local resident and mother of students attending school all greatly affected by the project, I object to the proposed WestConnex Development. I do not believe that this project is the most efficient use of tax payers' funds. There has been no business case provided up to date and there appears to be a lack of transparency in the planning and contracts allocation.

The setup of the project will negatively impact on the current connections between Ashfield and Haberfield as well as restrict access to services currently available for families.

Road safety of pedestrians

The use of Paramatta Road during and post construction for primary school students attending local school does not appear to be adequate. Where there will be widening of roads there does not appear to be any attempt at improvements to cycle and pedestrian pathways. Further development around Bland Street and Parramatta Road for pedestrian and cycle usage would help to improve local access and safer options for local students going between home and school.

Air Quality

There does not appear to be any current monitoring of air quality close to where the tunnels and stack will be located. There is contradictions with information provided regarding the air quality and the impacts this will have in local residents, the local primary school and community. The location of portals and stack are all within 500m of school resulting in not just one, but three polluting emissions released continuously on the students affecting their life and learning. Providing superior ventilation inside classrooms are a bare minimum as this will not help outside environment, but at least reduced damage.

Construction

During and affect construction there are concerns about movement of traffic and suitable provisions are provided not just for students during school time, but other pedestrians accessing basic rights to access local homes and services. Noise during contraction both for homes and schools is of big concern given that this would be an ongoing issue for a number of years (three years stated in documents).

Traffic

The modelling and the statements made regarding traffic and reduce traffic numbers do not match up. This does not appear to logically follow that reducing the travel time on a pre-existing free road by adding payable tunnelling would reduce the number of overall cars and thus reduce pollution unless public transport was part of the solution. This does not appear to be the case. Traffic during

construction will most likely worsen due to increased demands and road closures resulting in the local roads having higher demands and increasing noise and reducing air quality. This also provides a greater risk for pedestrians and cyclists using the local roads or crossing streets.

The information sessions did not provide consistent information and understanding for residents in this region to the full impact on health and safety for all those concerned.

In conclusion, there are a number of issues requiring further consideration especially around the health and safety of the children, whom will be the next generation of tax payers and users of infrastructure.

Yours Sincerely,

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