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WestConnex – Comments on EIS

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Dear Sir / Madam

I object to the WestConnex Project and believe that it should be rejected. This major infrastructure would be to the detriment of Sydney's liveability and future sustainability. WestConnex is a hugely expensive road project that would have multiple and major negative impacts on Sydney both now and in the future.

WestConnex is a retrograde step in urban planning and a message should be conveyed to the road project proponents to say: GO BACK YOU ARE GOING THE WRONG WAY!!

The current obsession with road projects is outdated and public money should instead be invested in public transport as a first priority.

Negative impacts of WestConnex include:

- Increased car dependency
- Increased air pollution
- Loss of homes and heritage areas
- Fragmentation of inner city communities

Investment in public transport improvements would:

- Reduce car dependency
- Reduce air pollution
- Be compatible with the heritage values of Sydney's established suburbs
- Protect the integrity of inner city suburbs and communities

What sort of city do we want Sydney to become? A city designed for cars or a city designed for people? The latter requires priority be given to public transport.

WestConnex is a retrograde step that will take Sydney in the wrong direction in terms of transport and urban planning. This expensive infrastructure project is an inappropriate use of public money and should be rejected. Instead the urban environment and social fabric of Sydney should be protected while investing in public transport initiatives that improve mobility for all ages.

Yours sincerely

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