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To whom it may concern

RE: WESTCONNEX M4 EAST ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (SSI 6307)

I am opposed to the construction of the M4 East Tunnel and do not believe that spending \$15.4 billion of taxpayer's money to achieve a 6 minute travel time saving is justified.

I have met with residents who will be worst affected by this project, including the elderly, parents and children, and the countless community groups who provide services in the community.

I am concerned about the impact of low valuations on homeowners and families who are having their homes compulsorily acquired; and that many of these residents – especially the elderly – will not be able to purchase homes like-for-like in their community.

I am concerned for renters, who have been given little information about acquisitions, and for businesses whose premises have been acquired.

I am concerned about the lack of filtration on exhaust stacks located less than 500 metres away from schools and that little is being done to slow traffic and stop local streets being used as rat runs, which will pose an additional risk to children.

I am concerned about the impact of three years of construction, with round-the-clock tunnelling and truck movements. Inner west locals will face years of disruption and inconvenience.

I am also concerned that the EIS has only been on exhibition for 55 days, a grossly inadequate timeframe for residents to absorb and respond to a project of this scale and an EIS of over 5,000 pages. I am disappointed the Government did not listen to the community's calls for this period to be extended.

The Government has further ignored the community by signing contracts to build this road before releasing this EIS, the full business case or obtaining planning approval.

Finally, the EIS shows that this unjustified project will irreversibly destroy the heritage values of Haberfield, Australia's oldest garden suburb.

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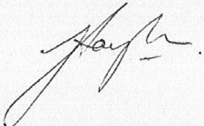
I believe the project should be abandoned. In the case that it is not, I want the following addressed from the EIS:

- Filter the smoke stacks and relocate away from schools and childcare centres such as Haberfield Public School and The Infants' Home, Ashfield.
- Build a noise wall for properties in Ashfield next to the Parramatta Rd interchange, during and after construction. This will insulate the people of Loftus, Chandos, Curt, Bland and Orpington Streets from the noise and disruption of construction.
- Stop rat-running through Haberfield and Ashfield, by removing the right turn into Waratah St, Haberfield from the Tunnel exit on Wattle St (Dobroyd Pde).
- Work with Ashfield Council and local residents to close off Chandos St, Walker Ave, Alt St, Northcote St, and Wolseley St at Parramatta Rd after construction. Also close Martin St west of Wattle street and re-open Martin St at Ramsay St.
- Offer voluntary acquisitions and WDA-funded dilapidation reports for those properties near construction sites in Northcote, Wolseley, Wattle, Walker, Ramsay, Chandos and Loftus Streets.
- Restrict tunnelling and truck movements to standard construction hours – no 24/7 truck movements.
- Return acquired properties not required after construction to Ashfield Council for community use and public open space. In particular the construction site at Northcote St, which Ashfield Council would like to use as a multipurpose Sports facility.
- Reduce the impact on the Haberfield Heritage Conservation Area by relocating the Wattle Street interchange

This project will not solve Sydney's traffic problems and NSW taxpayer's money is better spent investing in Public Transport.

Please consider these concerns and address them in your response to submissions to the M4 East EIS.

Yours sincerely,



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