

To the Director, Major Planning Assessments, Department of Planning

RE: Submission: WestConnex M4 East Environmental Impact Statement (SSI 6307)

I write to express my strong objection to the WestConnex M4 East motorway proposal.

I object to this proposal as it will have destructive impacts on heritage registered sites and buildings. Inclusive are buildings registered at: Local, State and National levels.

In particular I object to the demolition, destruction or relocation of any Heritage registered items or buildings either in part or whole across the entire Westconnex project, starting with the M4 part of this Westconnex project.

Those items and buildings that have been identified and are registered as Heritage listed items at any level of government (whether it be Local, State or National) should and must be preserved in their entirety in their current state on their current sites.

The fact that these buildings have been identified and registered as being significant should be enough justification of their importance to our community; our history; and our culture and must be preserved.

Workaround solutions for these items and buildings should in my opinion be mandated and be a key focus area across all the Westconnex project stages. There is no excuse as to why this should not be mandated as part of detailed design phase of all Westconnex project stages and strictly adhered to.

According to the New M5 SSI Application Report found on your website (page ii and 13):

*"..consistent with the Westconnex program of works, ... an objective to protect natural and cultural resources and enhance the environment through the following key approaches:
....Minimise impact on Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cultural heritage"*

Respectfully, "*minimise*" is not good enough. Total preservation of any heritage listed item or building in its entirety on the present site it occupies is the only acceptable outcome.

Thank you for considering this submission.

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