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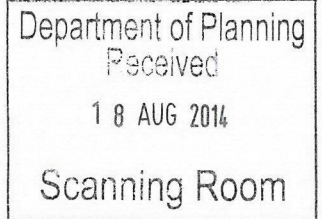
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Northconnex Project submission

2 lanes each way are insufficient:

There definitely needs to be at least 3 lanes each way, to avoid an upgrade being required in the very near future. Obviously, a future upgrade will cost far more to undertake than would be the case if 3 lanes each way were built in the first instance.

Lessons have not been learnt from the Eastern Distributor failure:

As happened with the Eastern Distributor, the road will inevitably be gridlocked as soon as it is completed, or very soon after. Using the Eastern Distributor makes travelling from north to south a painful experience, with ridiculously long travel times experienced beyond the normal peak traffic times.

In the afternoon peak, it is usually quicker to travel to the airport area via Harris St, Ultimo, then down Botany Rd, than to use the Eastern Distributor. My journey in the afternoon peak time from the City to Botany (where I work) takes a fairly consistent 30 minutes via Botany Rd, compared to a minimum of 25 minutes using the distributor to a maximum of 1 hour. Accordingly, I always use Botany Rd.

I believe the Northconnex road will end up being the same, with many people using back roads to avoid paying a toll to use a congested road.