

We purchased our home at 18 Coral Tree Drive, Carlingford in 1995. At the time we were aware of the 'M2 Special Acquisition Policy' which enabled the RTA to compensate all property owners in Coral Tree Drive with land bordering the proposed M2. Details of the design, plans and noise barrier wall to be constructed were provided.

The completed project included a landscaped embankment approximately 22 metres from our boundary. This buffer area consists of vegetation including 19 years of established tree growth providing a corridor between our home and the M2.

The current Northconnex project was not a consideration at the time we purchased, this project if approved will result in the removal of the entire embankment, trees and vegetation between our property and the M2.

The existing sound wall is 25 metres in height and approximately 22 metres from our boundary. Despite this the current noise levels are intolerable with continuous noise from heavy vehicles 24 hours a day. The Northconnex proposal is to move the wall to our boundary fence with a 12 metre sound wall. If this proposal is approved it will result in an increase in traffic, noise and pollution. There is **absolutely no evidence** or support for the theory the pollution will travel back to the air stack. Transurban are not listening to our concerns, rather bullying tactics are used to ensure the project is approved at the lowest possible cost without consideration to the concerns of land owners bordering the project.

Substantial concerns include: noise, pollution, the significant loss of value to our property and health risks.

The current proposal affects us economically, environmentally and poses a significant health risk for myself and my son as Asthma suffers. The removal of hundreds of thousands of tons of dirt from the existing embankment for construction will create unacceptable dust levels.

If compensation or property resumption is not offered by the RMS the project should NOT be approved for construction. Prior to construction of the M2 land owners were offered compensation, for a motorway that did not result in the detriment and effects the current proposal will cause.

The stress of this has resulted in me suffering anxiety. If we sell our home the loss of value as due to this project will prevent us re-purchasing in the area and with four children attending local schools & my son commencing Year 12 it is essential we remain in the area. IF we stay until completion of the project I have serious concerns for our health.

Transurban are taking the lowest cost option alternatives including:- an underground tunnel, moving the exit to the end of Carmen Drive into bushland where no home owners would be effected.