

8 September 2014.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I object to the WestConnex Project.

My concerns are briefly documented below:

- The EIS process has been corrupted as the project has received political “ approval” from state government politicians with funding allocated. Yet where is the cost-benefit analysis?
- The EIS fails to discuss alternatives to the project in any detail. Discussion of alternatives, such as improved public transport is cursory, given the extraordinary cost, disruption to residents and potential health impacts associated with air pollution that are central to WestConnex.
- The project is poorly planned. The government has changed the order of the staging of the project and announced extensions to the road. It is apparent that the government is doing planning on the run.
- There has been a lack of a transparent planning process. The community has not been provided with adequate detailed written information about the whole project, not even the details of the route, the portals and location of exhaust stacks.
- How is it possible for travel times to be accurate when changes to the route (eg avoiding Tempe Wetlands and Reserve) have been announced subsequent to the public exhibition of this EIS?
- The traffic projections do not take into account the traffic generated by the occupants of the 50,000 apartments planned for the Parramatta Rd corridor.
- The benefits of WestConnex are predicated on the completion of the whole project. It is likely that the whole project will not be completed due to insufficient funding and community opposition.
- “When completed the widening of the M4 will save motorists about one minute on an evening westbound journey from Homebush Bay Drive to Parramatta.” What a waste of money.
- Most of the travel times provided in the report will be slower than using public transport to and from key destinations.

The timeframe for responses to this EIS is inadequate to provide genuine consultation and should be extended for another month.