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Massive road building is completely obsolete. This state government will be seen in the future as a dinosaur, desperately appealing to the interests of unenlightened big business with its solutions for transport based purely on petrol-driven cars. One only has to visit a European capital to see privately owned petrol cars giving way to efficient public transport, electric share cars, experiments with electric buses and shared bicycles schemes.

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As a country resident frequently accessing Sydney I find the use of public transport to be a much superior method for travelling throughout Sydney. I suggest greater investigation of alternative transport methods, in particular water transport, would be a better use of funds. When I use Sydney Ferries I frequently find very few passengers in what is an incredibly stress-free process. Perhaps more promotion, including good on-trip transport facilities would improve the Sydney problem more than the black-hold of WestConnex.

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I believe that WestConnex is being created despite an awareness of it's inherent, overwhelming floors and the wishes of people in the effected areas. This regressive scheme needs to be stopped before we are forced to live with such an unimaginable scar forever.

There is no model to show that an acceptable level of benefit will occur as a result of this toxic waste of funds. More lanes does not reduce congestion. It merely spreads it. I do not want any part in leaving this debacle for following generations to suffer.

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There are more deaths from air pollution than there are car accidents. It is alarming that there has been a 68% increase between 2005 and 2010. Most other countries are seeing declines. WestConnex will have an awful impact on the suburbs of over a million people. It is a significant breach in duty of care.

I strongly urge the NSW Planning Department to reject the WestConnex project.

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I utterly oppose the destruction of such longstanding vibrant village communities of Newtown, St. Peters and Erskinville being utterly desecrated forever by the old-fashion M5 East tollway that will bankrupt NSW for generations to come.

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To build massive road infrastructure so close to the vibrant inner city neighbourhoods goes against everything we need to do to make our cities livable, enjoyable and community minded.

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I have lived for 25 years in Los Angeles California and I can tell you how bad it is to design a city around a freeway system. Nothing you build will be enough to handle the insatiable demands of the automobile. Start limiting the use of the car rather than enabling it. Do not build WestConnex.

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Any stage of WestConnex will be a disaster for all of us in NSW - not just people who live in the inner city. We will all pay dearly for construction of a tolled motorway that will induce traffic, generate more pollution - and not work, All stages of WestConnex need to be stopped.

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The WestConnex proposal shows no respect for older suburbs and the heritage first road - Parramatta Road, an old Aboriginal track for millennia. It also floods our old suburb with new high-rise buildings, changing those communities. And above all, it does nothing to stop people using cars!

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I would personally prefer less cars pouring into already congested roads Inner West, and for my tax money to be better spent on rail or transport infrastructure.

Although I do not have children at present, if I did, I would be seriously considering moving city for the health benefit - as many of my friends already are.

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Listen to the people, Mr Baird. We don't want yesterday's solution polluting our living space for decades to come. We don't want West Connex.

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Please don't let this project go ahead.

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- c. The failure to provide detailed plans so residents can see and assess what are the real, proposed changes to Campbell Road and St, intersections with Burrows Rd, with the Princes Highway, with Church, St Peters, Hutchinson and May Streets and Unwins Bridge Road and environs. This is a dereliction of the statutory duty of providing an accurate Environmental Impact Assessment
- d. The loss of over 170 parking spaces in the May St and Simpson Park "triangle" plus competition with construction workers to make residents' parking a nightmare where street parking is already a source of tension.
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