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Submission opposing WestConnex (Rozelle Interchange) Modification at The Crescent & City West Link

The original plan for this area involved a tunnel link which was abandoned in 2019 in favour of an elevated motorway. That design, which was abysmal, overwhelmingly insensitive and widely criticised, has in turn now been abandoned in favour of the current proposal.

Thank you for listening to the community's objections and modifying or removing some of the worst features. The overpass however, which is at the core of opposition to this design, currently remains.

The overpass will not solve the traffic issues of Annandale. And yet we are expected to accept an unwelcome and radical overpass that only serves to address the additional traffic created by WestConnex.

I urge you to reinstate the plan for an underpass. This will respect the right of local residents, cyclists and pedestrians to have the best possible outcome. The current proposal excludes a direct pedestrian and cycling link between the Glebe foreshore and Rozelle Goods Yard.

A short tunnel under the City West Link, with slot trench approaches, instead of an overpass, will provide improved visual and urban outcomes. It will allow the retention of a green link, connecting different areas of greenspace together and will help compensate the community for the loss of nearby Buruwan Park to WestConnex. Residents of this part of Sydney deserve more green space, not less, and improved connectivity is critical.

I hope you will give my submission your full consideration.

Regards

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