

I object to the Sydney Metro West Project due to its complete failure to consider the cumulative environmental impacts upon me and all the residents of my street; Callan Street, Rozelle. In addition, I object to the lack of consideration of the local community's public transport needs by not including a Metro stop within the centre of Rozelle.

1. Cumulative environmental Impacts – concurrent/consecutive works affecting Callan Street

The specific component of the project that I object to is the proposed installation of a 33KV power cable in Callan Street.

Callan Street is being used as the main power supply route for multiple projects and will be subject to multiple major excavation exercises as a result. This is completely unacceptable as these concurrent and consecutive works will result in significant risk to the health and safety of all residents on Callan Street.

The projects that will have an adverse effect on Callan street residents are:

- Westconnex – relocation of Balmain Sewer – Trenching, Saw Cutting, rock hammering performed over a 7 week period in Q1 of this year.
- Westconnex – installation of Sydney Trains Pilot Communications Cable – trenching, saw cutting, rock hammering to be performed in August 2020 over a 3 month period
- Westconnex – tunneling below Callan Street at McClear Street – only 8 metres below the ground surface – late 2020/early 2021
- Westconnex – 24/7 works along Victoria Road to build the tunnel portal, ventilation system and associated structures – now until 2023
- SYDNEY METRO WEST – installation of 33KV high voltage power cable – trenching, saw cutting, rock hammering over a 3 month period – first half of 2021
- Western Harbour Tunnel – installation of high voltage power – trenching, saw cutting, rock hammering – 2021
- The Bays precinct urban transformation – installation of high voltage power – trenching, saw cutting, rock hammering

These proposed excavations are additional to the recent and ongoing negative impacts on Callan street from Westconnex. These include:

- The NSW government ignoring the findings of the Parliamentary Inquiry into Westconnex, which resolved that all exhaust stacks for current and future projects must be filtered. The exhaust stack at the top of our street will not be filtered, putting the health of our community at risk. (I was a witness at the Parliamentary inquiry and hundreds of residents made submissions including everyone on our street) I am a survivor of Bladder Cancer and my Urologist states that the biggest risk of recurrence for me is exposure to pollution. The unfiltered exhaust from this stack will put my life at risk.
- The trauma of neighbours being forced to lose their homes through compulsory acquisition and having to relocate out of area while the remaining residents have been subjected to months of noise and pollution during the destruction phase.
- Exposure to harmful toxic gasses unearthed while Westconnex excavated a trench at Victoria road, resulting in an EPA investigation, initiated by our formal complaints
- Expansion works to the Ausgrid substation on Manning Street creating noise, dust and traffic disruption
- A proposed 2 week saw cutting, trenching and rock hammering job to relocate Balmain Sewer that took over 7 weeks to complete. This included 7 weeks of vibration, noise, dust and traffic disruption, all during the height of the Covid-19 lockdown!
- Ongoing noise and dust from construction along Victoria Road (day and night) – not set to end until 2023
- Upcoming Westconnex tunneling only 8 metres below many of our houses causing excessive noise and vibration. This 24 hour per day tunneling will compromise the structural integrity and value of our homes plus have an adverse impact upon our mental health

- Callan Street being the main traffic thoroughfare into the area due to road closures, creating a safety risk to local children and pedestrians as Callan Street is a shared zone. Evidence of this occurred **today**, when a John Holland/CPB subcontractor's truck was speeding up Callan Street and struck a parked car causing significant damage. The driver did not stop after being chased up the street by the car's owner.

Map of cumulative works

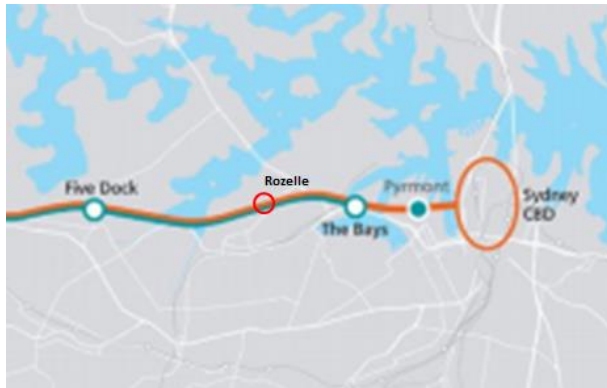


2. Lack of consideration for the area's Public Transport needs

The BaysMetro stop is inadequate to serve the needs of the current and future population of Balmain and Rozelle and a stop between 'The Bays' and 'Five Dock' is needed to alleviate the current inadequacy of public transport.

The only option for residents in this area is to use the bus system, which is currently unable to cope with the capacity of passengers who want to use it during peak hours. Currently there are long queues on all stops eastbound on Victoria road during the morning peak with many full busses passing by these stops, unable to take additional passengers. This is a clear indication that there is a need for alternate public transport options to cope with the load. The Metro is ideally positioned to be the alternate option. The residential density along

Victoria road is set to increase substantially, due to major developments such as the high rise residential project at the existing Tiger's Club site on Victoria Road and the medium density housing developments occurring along Darling Street in Rozelle. These projects and future ones will put additional stress on the already at-capacity bus service. This further reinforces the absolute necessity of a Metro stop being placed in Rozelle.



Indicative location for a Rozelle Metro stop

In conclusion, I consider the failure to consider the cumulative impact upon myself and the residents of Callan street as negligent by placing a nuisance upon us and causing us harm.

I therefore reiterate my firm position that this project must not be approved unless the route for the power source is changed to completely avoid Callan Street.

The omission of a Metro stop servicing the greater Rozelle/Balmain/Lillyfield area is shortsighted and will result in a lack of public transport capacity for all current and future residents of this area. Therefore this project should not be approved without the addition of a Metro stop in Rozelle.

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