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## Sydney Gateway Road Project

This is a submission for the above proposed project.

I have objections to the proposed Sydney Gateway Project, and I wish to express my concerns.

- I live in Young St, Tempe, which will be directly affected by the sheer size of the project, the traffic on local roads, the noise and constant disruptions for the years it will take to complete.
- The imposition on locals in Tempe on the east side of the Princes Hwy while these works are undertaken will be immense. When I visited the first two community information sessions, I was reassured twice that no construction traffic would be accessing the site via Holbeach Ave Tempe. I was told all access to compound C3 would be via a new access road coming from the existing workers carpark on Qantas Drive. When I now read the proposal, it states that access to compound C3 will be via Holbeach Ave along with construction and supply vehicles. The road around Tempe Reserve will be a designated access road for any 'additional' vehicles needing access. It also means that there will be 250 workers vehicles entering and leaving the compound every day of construction which will take years. This road is a slow ring road for all the children and others who use the reserve for sports, etc. It is unrealistic to add approximately 30 vehicles per hour to this road for such a prolonged period. With a workforce of 1090 expected at its' peak I hate to think of the number of vehicles using it. There are only a couple of access points to the Princes Hwy from this side and already on busy sport days or community festivals the roads are clogged with vehicles, if that many extra vehicles are added there will be serious congestion for everyone involved. The lights onto the Princes Hwy from Holbeach can take up to 5 minutes to change which already creates problems for locals on high use days. It can take multiple light changes to get through that intersection. When the shifts finish and all the workers leave at once the road network around here will become a carpark. This will lead to workers trying to find 'rat runs' in local back streets frustrating locals and workers alike. All of this traffic will be compounded once the new Bunnings opens in Tempe. The volume of vehicles coming in and out of Bunnings is extremely high. Their traffic plan is a joke and all the back streets of Tempe will become clogged to the point of gridlock. These are not traffic solutions but traffic problems. There are also discussions with Sydney FC football club about turning the reserve into a training facility. If this does happen the whole place will grind to a halt. Airport staff and travellers already use this road daily for staff parking and access, you cannot get a parking space anywhere on the whole ring road on any given day. You may feel like I'm exaggerating but I've lived here for 16 years and know a lot more about the volume of vehicles around here than any assessments you may have done. All vehicles to compound C3 **must** go via the new access road and not via Holbeach Ave.
- The amount of night construction proposed (110 days) is unacceptable so close to a residential area. This area is full of young families, any extra disturbances after hours is unacceptable. Everyone knows that all these figures proposed are on the low end of speculation, once construction begins there will be many more than suggested.
- The removal of landfill from the reserve is a major concern due to its' contaminated state, who knows what toxic substances will be exposed once excavation starts. I have two children who both suffer from respiratory problems, I don't want them to be exposed to anything unnecessary. After all the promises given to local residents with Westconnex at the

old St Peters landfill site, its proven that what is offered and what is delivered are two vastly different things. The smell, fumes and dust from that site were a health hazard to anyone nearby. I had friends living close by who slept with face masks on as the fumes and dust were so bad.

- I'm also concerned about the noise from the road once it is operational, currently Airport Dr offers no noise issues as it's not elevated like the Gateway will be.
- The impact to Tempe wetlands is also a concern, along with the dog park. These needs to be protected and preserved as a priority, green spaces are diminishing in cities and this one is of prime importance to all who frequent it.

The whole proposal doesn't really resolve any of the issues facing vehicles and transport around the airport. The cars and trucks will only get as far as they do now and the congestion will still be as bad as it is now once they get into the airport, except it will be on a bigger road with bigger congestion. All of this after spending billions of our dollars. The initial proposal for all of these major roadworks, eg Westconnex , Gateway was to get trucks off the road from the Botany freight terminal and at the end of the day none of them have addressed it properly . Trucks won't use Westconnex as it will be too expensive, and the Gateway doesn't resolve it either, there are still no direct links. I see it as a huge waste of money, an incredible inconvenience to residents and ultimately a flawed idea.