



Inner West Mayor **Darcy Byrne**

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Dear Resident,

Re: Help stop WestConnex changes to intersections in Haberfield, Ashfield and Leichhardt.

I am writing to let you know about Inner West Council's unanimous and total opposition to the State Government's radical new road network changes, planned for Haberfield, Ashfield and Leichhardt.

These changes, which are summarised below, will make it all but impossible for local residents to get into and out of our own suburbs, or across the City West Link.

The proposals are all about increasing traffic flow and toll revenue for the Government and the private owners of WestConnex - at the expense of safety and efficiency on our local roads.

Worse still, by limiting access to main street and shopping centres, the Government's plans could be the death knell for many local businesses in Haberfield and Leichhardt.

I have written to the NSW Premier and relevant ministers seeking to have these ridiculous proposals scrapped immediately. A huge number of individual submissions have been made by local residents opposing the changes too.

We have also insisted that the Government take another look at the independent study commissioned by Council – the WestConnex Local Area Improvement Strategy. This strategy proposed a series of traffic calming measures that would protect residential streets from rat running created by the WestConnex project.

Council proposed these sensible safety measures more than two years ago and the Government has never even bothered replying in writing let alone implementing them.

Council has sought an extension to the public exhibition period, and I will personally table any late submissions which I am copied into and insist on them being assessed.

You can make a submission by emailing Transport for NSW's Network Integration Communications team at ni@rms.nsw.gov.au - please copy me in at darcy.byrne@innerwest.nsw.gov.au.

Please also write to the Premier and the Transport Minister to let them know about your opposition to these plans - willoughby@parliament.nsw.gov.au and bega@parliament.nsw.gov.au.

Transport for NSW intends to:

- Block entry to the City West Link by removing the right turn from Norton St in Leichhardt.
- Block entry to Lilyfield by removing the right turn from Norton St onto Lilyfield Road.
- Block entry to Haberfield from Parramatta Road via Dalhousie St.
- Make James St at Leichhardt one way and remove access from Mary St to James St.
- Remove traffic lights and all right turns at Waratah St.
- Remove the right turn from Timbrell Drive onto City West Link.

Yours sincerely,

Darcy Byrne
Inner West Mayor