WestConnex and Western Harbour Tunnel public meeting

Saturday 26 May 2018 2:00pm
Balmain Town Hall

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State Government Major Infrastructure Projects

Council’s position:
- Opposition to inner-Sydney motorways
- Public transport solutions
- Opposition to Tigers site as a construction dive-site for Western Harbour Tunnel
- Opposition to over-use of White Bay
- Cumulative and long-term impacts of infrastructure frenzy: noise, traffic and air quality
WestConnex Stages 1, 2 & 3

- Approved 17 April 2018
- Council keen to ensure that the unacceptable construction impacts from Stages 1 and 2 are not repeated for Stage 3
- Council’s main local concerns with Stage 3: construction and operational impacts, compulsory acquisitions and potential for cracking of buildings
- Stage 3 creates multiple construction sites across the Inner West, including a truck marshalling and employee parking area at White Bay
WestConnex - Rozelle construction sites

WestConnex construction site at Iron Cove
WestConnex White Bay truck stabling area and trucking route

WestConnex construction sites at Rozelle, The Crescent & Victoria Road
WestConnex operational traffic: air quality

Pollution at the surface and at vent stacks

Stage 3 stacks in Council area:

* Rozelle Rail Yards (3)
* Victoria Road (1)
* Haberfield (3)
* St Peters (2)
Western Harbour Tunnel
Concept Design expected July 2018
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) expected later in 2018

Main local issues:
• Dive-site at former Balmain Leagues Club site
• Construction site at Rozelle Rail Yards
• Harbour foreshore activities
• Harbour dredging & laying tunnel sections

State Government Major Infrastructure Projects
Glebe Island / White Bay

Glebe Island Multi-user Port Facility and Concrete Batching Plant
Multi-user Port Facility - Activities & Issues

- Ship off-loading, storage and dispatch of sand, aggregate and other dry bulk construction materials
- Operating 24/7
- Delivery by water, dispatch by road
- Issues – noise, dust, light spill & traffic

Concrete Batching Plant
Concrete Batching Plant Activities

- Relocation of existing facilities at Blackwattle Bay and Pyrmont to Glebe Island
- Operating up to 24/7, producing up to 1 million cubic metres of concrete a year
- Site would include: aggregate storage silos, handling facility, enclosed concrete batching facility, site office building, ancillary infrastructure & parking

Cumulative Impacts at White Bay

- Council believes the proposals represent over-use of White Bay
- Council is concerned about noise, dust, lighting and traffic impacts on surrounding residents from all proposed uses at White Bay
- White Bay impacts are in addition to significant impacts from multiple WestConnex and Western Harbour Tunnel construction sites
- Potential Western Harbour Tunnel construction site
Cumulative Traffic Impacts

- Multi-user facility - approx. 1200 trucks movements/day
- Concrete batching works – approx. 2000 trucks movements/day
- M4-M5 Link - approx. 280 trucks movements/day
- Western Harbour Tunnel - approx. 130 trucks movements/day
- Total Truck Movements– over 3500 trucks movements/day

Council’s Position

- Council opposes these projects and if they proceed will continue to seek to minimise impacts and obtain the best outcomes possible
- Council provides information and assistance – available from strategic planning staff, including the WestConnex Unit westconnex@innerwest.nsw.gov.au
- Council is in constant communication with the community and State agency reps to improve outcomes
- Department of Planning compliance officers operate from Council part-time
- Further information is available on Council’s website
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Phone Premier Gladys Berejiklian  
P: 8574 5000 and ask

- Why isn’t the State Government filtering emissions from ventilation stacks with outputs on a level with many residents?
- Why is the State Government wasting money on WestConnex rather than a globally recognised 21st Century solution like public transport?
- Why can’t the Premier, Planning Minister and Education Minister stand up for Rozelle kids the way they stood up for kids in their own electorates?
- How can the State Government consider a massive open mine site so close to a school with nearly 1000 children?
- How will noise and vibration from excavation affect or impact our children’s chances of being able to learn for the next five years of construction?
- What protections has the Government got in place to protect Rozelle Public School students from the clouds of dust and spoil they’ll be digging up?
- How will construction traffic navigate narrow Rozelle residential streets?
- How will 24/7 non-stop drilling and construction affect not only the value of Rozelle homes, but their structure and safety?
- Inner West Council has investigated urgently needed traffic calming for local streets – will the State Government fund them?