

STOP SHALLOW TUNNELLING IN THE INNER WEST

The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian
Premier
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Saturday 9 Feb, 2019

Dear Premier,

My home sits within the zone of influence of the proposed WestConnex Stage 3a tunnel.

Global experience of major toll road construction has demonstrated that projects like WestConnex increase air pollution, fleece road users with exorbitant tolls and don't solve traffic congestion problems.

Despite this, the government has proposed building a shallow tunnel under Annandale, Leichhardt and Camperdown.

I am concerned that the government plans to compulsorily acquire land under properties in the area without compensation. I am also worried that a tunnel dug as low as 12m below ground at some points risks damage to properties.

This proposal ignores the recent experience of residents in Strathfield, Concord and Homebush who have seen huge cracks form through their homes following digging for the M4 East and have not been offered compensation.

I call on you to scrap WestConnex and redirect funds to public transport. Short of that, I call on you to:

- Commit to increasing the depth of the tunnel to reduce the risk of damage to properties due to ground movement;
- Expand the recognised zone of influence to ensure all impacted residents are eligible for compensation;
- Commit to install vibration monitoring on homes within the expanded zone of influence;
- Deploy ground movement detection technology to confirm causation of property damage; and
- Commit to compensating property owners for substratum property acquisition.

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