

**Stop  
WestConnex**



**Stop 33km of motorway destruction planned for Sydney**

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\$17 BILLION on:**



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# \$17 billion?

WestConnex is a 33 kilometre toll road that will extend from the M4 in Sydney's west, through the inner west, and onto the New M5 in the inner south west of Sydney.

At present WestCONnex is forecast to cost an exorbitant \$17 billion dollars, which is over half a million dollars per kilometre. The final stages of the project have yet to be finalised and it is likely costs will blow out even further.

## Why this won't relieve congestion

New roads create new traffic and soon fill up again. This effect, known as 'induced traffic' has been observed by transport professionals repeatedly since at least 1925!

As with all new roads, WestCONnex will attract more traffic to the road network, particularly given that much existing public transport is at capacity. Only increased public transport relieves congestion over the long-term.

## Why this isn't a good project for NSW

The estimated \$17 billion to build WestCONnex will soak up all government funds that could otherwise be invested in public transport, rural & regional infrastructure, affordable housing, education, health and the environment.

## Why this isn't a good project for the world

Building and expanding motorways increases air pollution, as motorways induce traffic. Yet the companies and government behind WestCONnex want us to believe that this project will help solve climate change. At a time when cities all over the world are moving away from large motorway projects in an effort to curb emissions & solve traffic congestion, no credible authority would suggest that building motorways is the solution to cutting national greenhouse emissions.



## What should we do instead?

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