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## Invitation to Public Meeting WestConnex and Central to Eveleigh – bad planning vs smart growth

Thank you for joining me last month to discuss the threat to Waterloo posed by UrbanGrowth NSW's redevelopment plans in the wider Central to Eveleigh corridor. You can find more information on sydneyyoursay.com.au about these proposals including the presentation given on the night by the City's Director of Planning and Transport, Graham Jahn.

I invite you to a follow up meeting about the campaign against WestConnex and to discuss the future of the Central to Eveleigh Precinct on Wednesday 27 July from 6.30pm at Alexandria Town Hall, Garden Street, Alexandria.

WestConnex is Australia's most expensive toll road project at \$16.8 billion and is the very opposite of what government should be doing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Despite the staggering cost, WestConnex has never been adequately assessed against public transport and demand management alternatives or tested to ensure it is the best way to meet Sydney's growth and future transport needs. WestConnex will seriously affect our city, our neighbourhoods, and our capacity to meet future transport needs and address dangerous climate change impacts.

The future Central to Eveleigh area and in particular the Waterloo Estate is an example of UrbanGrowth NSW and the NSW Government prioritising profit over public good. The suggested residential densities for a precinct this size are shocking, and they are far greater than anything seen in Australia and rare internationally. I also remain concerned about the flow on impacts of this project for our neighbourhoods outside the precinct including parts of Alexandria, Surry Hills, Redfern and Chippendale.

The City of Sydney has grave concerns about the plans and actions of the NSW Government. Both of these projects are unjustified. They have disastrous consequences not just for the City but also for the State and Federal economies too and if gone unchecked we will have future generations asking: "how did they let this happen?"

A community bus is being provided to transport residents to and from Alexandria Town Hall. *The bus will pick up from Poets Corner (corner of Morehead and Redfern Street) at 5.50pm and from The Factory (67 Raglan Street, Waterloo) at 6.05pm*. Transport will also be provided at the end of the meeting. Please join us for this important public meeting as we provide an update on the campaign against WestConnex and discuss the future of the Central to Eveleigh area to ensure we can protect our city and our communities.

Yours sincerely

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