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LETTER FROM INNER WEST COUNCIL



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Ms Clover Moore
Lord Mayor
City of Sydney Council
GPO Box 1591
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Lord Mayor *Clover*

Re: WestConnex Community Organiser position

I am writing to inform you that Council at its 23 May 2017 meeting considered a WestConnex Update Report and resolved (among other things) that Council *“writes to the City of Sydney seeking a contribution of half of the funding of the [WestConnex] Community Organiser position, i.e. \$50,000.”*

The City of Sydney and former Marrickville and Leichhardt councils had shared the funding of this position from August 2015 and in September 2016 Inner West Council resolved to fully fund the position for 12 months.

Though it will be the newly-elected Council that will consider extension of this funding in September 2017, Council resolved last week to seek a 50% contribution from the City in the event that the new elected Inner West Council decides to continue with the position.

The Community Organiser position is consistent with both councils' positions of opposing WestConnex and Inner West Council's experience to date shows the position has been beneficial to Council, local WestConnex opposition groups and the local community.

Shared funding of the position would directly benefit both councils and signal to the community that the councils are united in opposing WestConnex and in seeking to better manage the construction and other impacts of the project.

Should your administration have any queries, please direct these to Kendall Banfield, Manager WestConnex Unit on 9335 2179.

Yours sincerely

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