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Stronger Westconnex compliance monitoring

The Department of Planning and Environment will appoint a compliance officer as a contact point for local residents who raise issues about the WestConnex project.

The appointment of the officer comes after a request from Inner West Council Administrator Richard Pearson and is a response to feedback from the community.

A Department of Planning and Environment spokesperson said it was important for local communities to have confidence in major projects and know approval conditions are being monitored.

“A Departmental compliance officer will be present on site as WestConnex projects are constructed, and act as the main point of contact for councils and the community,” the spokesperson said.

“The officer will investigate any compliance complaints and the community is encouraged to raise any issues.”

The position will be funded by the State Government.

Mr Pearson welcomed the decision to base the officer in Ashfield.

“On behalf of the community, I asked the Department of Planning and Environment to put in place closer monitoring of the project. I’m pleased that they have listened and look forward to continue working with them to minimise impacts of the project on the Inner West,” Mr Pearson said.

“The officer will be based at the council offices on Liverpool Road in Ashfield initially and will be responsible for compliance monitoring of the WestConnex project along the length of the road.

The compliance officer will be on the ground this week and can be contacted via compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au

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