

MEDIA RELEASE

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MULTIBILLION CONTRACT ON WESTCONNEX SIGNED BUT ALL DETAILS CONCEALED

It has been revealed during a WestConnex inquiry at NSW Parliament that the contract to build the M4-M5 link tunnels has been signed – but all details about it are being kept from the public.

On 3 June 2018 WestConnex Minister Stuart Ayres announced that Lendlease Samsung Bouygues Joint Venture had been selected as the preferred tenderer for construction of the M4-M5 Link Tunnels (WestConnex Stage 3A).

In response to Labor MLC Daniel Mookhey’s questions this morning, the RMS confirmed that the contract has now been signed – but refused to disclose the value of the contract.

Billions of dollars of taxpayer money are involved, but the NSW Government refuses to say how much.

The secrecy surrounding the contract heightens concerns about yet another cost blowout on the WestConnex.

The Government has previously provided a total estimate of \$7.2 billion for the M4-M5 link tunnels (Stage 3A) and the Rozelle interchange (Stage 3B).

The *Government Information Public Access Act* requires the value of all contracts to be published, but the Berejiklian Government has exempted the Sydney Motorway Corporation from this transparency requirement.

The NSW Government retains a 49 per cent ownership of the Sydney Motorway Corporation.

Quotes from Shadow Minister for Roads Jodi McKay

“The public has the right to know about multi-billion dollar contracts.

“But secrecy and cost blowouts have been the hallmarks of the Berejiklian Government’s management of WestConnex.

“I’m concerned that we’re looking at another cost blowout and this is why the value of the M4-M5 link contract is being suppressed.”