

Whether the assumptions and data used in the F3 to Sydney Orbital Link Study 2004 were valid and reasonable at the time of the study:

Answer: They were not valid and many people then did not think them reasonable. It was becoming clear by then that over-use of resources in the cities would become unsustainable, especially transport resources although shortage of water was becoming an issue too.

Whether changes since 2004 affecting land use and transport flows in Western Sydney would support any significant changes to these:

Answer: The opening of the M7, the cross-city tunnel and the Lane Cove tunnel have done little to ease the costs of congestion. More people are coming to realise that (a) Sydney and other capitals cannot stand the pressures of population growth, much of which is due to Federal immigration policies of 130,000 per year and their effect on the growth of cities (b) the answers to congestion lie in travel demand management and competitive public transport and active planning of employment centres in areas serviced by public transport. (c) Australia need not and should not continue to fritter imported oil on such an inefficient transport mix (d) the world cannot continue to burn fossil fuels at anything like the present rate, let alone an increasing rate.

Whether any significant changes to those projections would alter the conclusions of the 2004 study:

Answer: The study should be re-opened, with a wider reference than simply to build a road. Instead it should address population growth, travel demand management, integrated land-use and transport planning, and necessary changes in energy usage.