

**Minutes of WestConnex Community Liaison Forum (WCLF)
held at Leichhardt Service Centre on Tuesday 25 August 2016**

The meeting commenced at 10am

Attendees:	Peter Hehir	RAW
	Vince Crow	Haberfield Association
	Jozefa Sobski	Haberfield Resident
	Chris Woods	Marrickville LRAC Member
	Sharon Laura	Ashfield Resident
	Nina Akkin	SAP
	LJ Loat	WestProtects
	Christine Allibare-White	WestProtects
	Sarah Wood	WestProtects
	John Bartholomew	WAG
	Alana West	No WestConnex: Public Transport
	Richard Archer	No WestConnex

Other Attendees:	Richard Pearson	Administrator
	Phil Sarin	Director Planning & Environment
	Rob Sherry	Department of Planning & Environment
	Julie Pope	Department of Planning & Environment
	Jenny Conway	PA to Director Planning & Environment

- 1. Welcome by Administrator**
- 2. Acknowledgement of Country**
- 3. Apologies**

No apologies noted.

4. Comments on Meeting Minutes from 28 July 2016

The Administrator noted that two written submissions had been received in response to the request at the last meeting for comments to be forwarded on the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Forum. WAG advised that it had also sent written comments. Members of the Forum expressed interest in seeing the written comments and that they be circulated before further amendments were made and adoption of the ToRs.

The Administrator determined that the 3 written submissions be circulated to all WCLF members and that any further comments be submitted by COB on Thursday 8 September 2016.

It was agreed that the Forum meetings should be audio recorded and that this requirement be included in the ToR.

The Administrator determined that the ToRs be amended to include this requirement.

There was discussion regarding whether or not two separate groups/forums needed to be established for groups and individuals whose objective was to stop WestConnex outright and another for those whose objective was to assist in mitigating the impact of WestConnex on local residents.

Various matters were discussed concerning the following:

- § Council displaying more information on the project – both in hard copy and on its website (hyperlinks, etc. to WestConnex documents and information)
- § Allowing flexible membership and representation at the WCLF
- § Timing of forum meetings (rotating between evening - 6-8pm and day time meetings 10-12pm)
- § Minutes of WCLF meetings to be made available to all LRAC members once received and adopted
- § Setting up another forum at which key stakeholder State agency and JV representatives could hear direct from concerned community groups and members about the project's impacts
- § Page numbering for future agendas and minutes

The Administrator determined that the above matters be noted and that consideration will be given to progressing the recommendations.

Habefield resident, Jozefa Sobski, presented the Administrator with 5 key recommendations that should be passed on to the Sydney Motorway Corporation and JV representatives to assist in reducing the impact of the WestConnex project on local residents. The Administrator agreed to pass on these recommendations.

Ashfield resident, Sharon Laura, advised the Forum of meeting with State Government representatives and issues raised – out of hours works (inadequate respite periods), spoil haulage routes and location of signs.

The Administrator determined that Minutes from 28 July 2016 be adopted.

5. Items for consideration by (WCLF)

Item1 Final Terms of Reference

The Administrator determined that the Terms of Reference be brought back to the next WCLF for final adoption after further consultation outlined under Item 4 of the minutes.

Item2 WestConnex Update Report

The Director Planning & Environment presented the latest WestConnex update report (included with the agenda documents).

Issues raised in the discussion:

Stage 2 (New M5)

- § Has construction been approved? (Yes, for some works - CEMP now available on website)
- § Decommissioning of street lighting (no approval should be given)
- § Traffic modelling update for St Peters area
- § No RMS support school crossing on Campbell Road

Property Acquisitions

- § Concern over residents being required to pay rent to the State Government after properties have been acquired while compensation matters are being resolved – Council to send letter of support for rents to be refunded

- § Property owners near major construction activity should be supported where they request, voluntarily, for their properties to be acquired (as long as they continue to be retained for residential use)
- § Concerns also raised over future use of construction depot sites after project completion.

The Administrator determined that the Council would write to the State Government on the property acquisition matters and requested that a list of major issues be put together on Stages 2 and 3 which could be presented to the State Government and SMC for consideration (to be co-ordinated by RAW and NWPT).

Item3 Compliance Update

Rob Sherry, from the DPE Compliance Unit, provided a verbal update on compliance issues, with key concerns over the past few weeks including:

- § Vibration complaints
- § Noise complaints
- § Traffic impacts

He reinforced that residents needed to contact the WestConnex complaint number to ensure that all complaints are registered against the project. This will assist him in monitoring responses to the complaints (he is happy to be cc'd on the complaints). He is currently working 3 days per week at the Ashfield Service Centre and 2 at the DPE head office in the CBD.

Item4 Current Issues

Issues raised in general discussion:

- § Delays in the letter box notifications to residents being posted on the WestConnex website
- § Notification zones for project activities are not broad enough (should be widened)
- § Leaflet to residents should include more contact numbers – compliance queries, Safework NSW, EPA, etc. and a guide on what to do to lodge a complaint/ how to use the system
- § Complaints register should be publicly available
- § Key contacts should be included on the Council website
- § Traffic modelling for the St Peters area needs to be progressed
- § WestConnex should be encouraged to disclose more information for the community to access
- § Council community rooms should be made available free to community groups to meet and use for their WestConnex related activities.

The Meeting concluded at 12:15pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday 29 September 2016 (location and time TBA)