

**Minutes of Local Representation Advisory Committee (Leichhardt)
held at Leichhardt Service Centre on Wednesday 15 June 2016**

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.

Members:

- Mr Frank Breen
- Mr John Stamolis
- Mr Darcy Byrne
- Mr John Jobling
- Ms Michele McKenzie
- Ms Vera-Ann Hannaford
- Ms Linda Kelly
- Mr Tony Costantino
- Mr Simon Emsley

Other Attendees:

Richard Pearson	Administrator
Vanessa Chan	Interim General Manager
Matthew Phillips	Director Corporate & Information Services, Leichhardt
Nellette Kettle	Director Corporate & Community Services, Ashfield
Peter Gainsford	Director Infrastructure & Service Delivery, Leichhardt
Simone Schwarz	Director Community Services, Marrickville
Erla Ronan	Group Manager Community & Cultural Services, Leichhardt
Darryl Watkins	Policy Advisor, KJA
Ian Naylor	Manager Governance & Administration, Leichhardt
Popy Mourgelas	Manager Corporate Governance, Ashfield
Tanya Whitmarsh	Manager, Governance & Risk, Marrickville
Helen Tola	Manager Customer Service & Corporate Planning, Leichhardt
Rad Miladinovic	Coordinator, Governance & Administration, Leichhardt
Ken Welsh	Transport Planner, Leichhardt
Katerina Maros	Governance Officer, Leichhardt

1. **Welcome by Administrator**
2. **Acknowledgement of Country**
3. **Apologies:** Nil.
4. **Disclosures of Interest:** Nil.
5. **Election of Chairperson:**

Nomination: Byrne/Kelly

That Chairperson for the inaugural Leichhardt LRAC be Darcy Byrne and for future LRAC meetings the chairperson be nominated at the commencement of each meeting, rotated in alphabetical order and by decision of the member as to whether they wish to Chair the meeting accordingly.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Darcy Byrne was appointed as Chairperson by majority vote for this meeting.

6. Items for consideration by LRAC

Item 1 - Terms of Reference for Local Representation Advisory Committees

Recommendation BYRNE/KELLY

1. That the Terms of Reference for the Local Representation Advisory Committees be noted and the following feedback be provided to the Administrator:-
 - That meetings be conducted under procedures of the former Leichhardt Council Code of Meeting practice.
 - That Clause 6 of the Terms of Reference be amended to specify that Committee Members are not permitted to speak to the media on behalf of Council rather than not permitted to speak to the media.
 - That the LRAC business paper agenda include the item 'Questions on Notice' from committee members.
 - That the agenda be provided three working days prior to a meeting.
 - That the meeting time be 6.30pm to 9.30pm with an extension of 30 minutes as agreed.
 - That LRAC agendas be publicly advertised on the website prior to the LRAC meeting.
2. That the Administrator consider holding the Leichhardt LRAC on a Tuesday evening.
3. That the LRAC and Ordinary Council business papers include a summary of resolutions of previous Council resolutions and all business moved at LRAC and Ordinary Council Meetings of the new Inner West Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 2 - Ratifying Council's Position on Westconnex

Recommendation BYRNE/JOBLING

That the Local Representation Advisory Committee supported the following motions the Administrator is proposing to move at the next Council Meeting:

1. Inner West Council formally adopts a position of continued opposition in the strongest terms to the WestConnex project, both approved and future stages, consistent with the positions of the former councils of Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville.
2. Council establishes a central WestConnex Response Unit to coordinate Council responses to resident concerns regarding impacts associated with the construction of approved stages of WestConnex, as well as submissions and representations on future stages.
3. Council continues to press the immediate need for the Department of Planning and Environment to fund and establish a dedicated WestConnex compliance officer in the local area to respond promptly to resident issues.
4. Council establish a regular bi-monthly forum chaired by the Administrator with representatives of all the inner west WestConnex resident action groups to discuss concerns with the project and opportunities for their resolution.

5. A report from staff be brought forward to the next meeting of Council outlining a community engagement plan to elicit views of the broader community with regards to ways the Council can assist them with concerns regarding WestConnex.
6. A report from staff be brought forward to the next meeting of Council which summarises the outstanding resolutions of the previous Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville Councils regarding WestConnex and action to be taken to implement.
7. That a combined meeting of the LRACs be convened and that one of the issues to be further discussed at the combined meeting is Inner West Council's position on WestConnex.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 3 - Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2016-17

Recommendation STAMOLIS/BREEN

1. That the Local Representation Advisory Committee(s) note the Inner West Council Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2016-17, including Fees and Charges, noting that the document is on public exhibition until Thursday, 30 June 2016.
2. That a quarterly budget review be reported to the LRACs.
3. That a quarterly review of progress on major infrastructure project be reported to LRACs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 4 - 2016 Grants and Local Representation Advisory Committee

Recommendation BYRNE/KELLY

That the LRACs note the 2016 Inner West Grants program and the following feedback be provided to the Administrator:-

- That the commencement of grant applications be deferred until the draft criteria can be reported back to the LRACs.
- That representations be made to the State Government to request that the \$1m community grant funding be in addition to the \$15m *Stronger Community Funds* already allocated to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 5 - Lilyfield Road Regional Bike Route Separated Cycleway Design

Recommendation JOBLING/ HANNAFORD

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 6 - WestConnex Status

Recommendation KELLY/BYRNE

1. That Council staff continue to liaise with the Sydney Motorway Corporation in an effort to minimise impacts of WestConnex Stage 3 on local residents and businesses.
2. That all new information on WestConnex as received be reported to the following LRAC meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting concluded at 8:15pm.