

**Minutes of the Marrickville Local Representation Advisory Committee  
held at Petersham Service Centre on Thursday 23 June 2016**

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.

**Members:**           Melissa Brooks           Morris Hanna           Sam Iskandar  
                          Victor Macri             Max Phillips           Rosana Tyler  
                          Chris Woods

**Other Attendees:**   Richard Pearson           Administrator  
                          Vanessa Chan           Interim General Manager  
                          Nellette Kettle         Director Innovation & Strategy  
                          Simone Schwarz         Director Service Delivery  
                          Matthew Phillips        Director Corporate Services  
                          Darryl Watkins         Strategic Advisor  
                          Popy Mourgelas         Manager Corporate Governance, Ashfield  
                          Helen Tola             Manager Customer Service & Corporate Planning, Leichhardt  
                          Tanya Whitmarsh        Manager Governance & Risk, Marrickville  
                          Rad Miladinovic        Coordinator Governance & Administration, Marrickville

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

*Item 6 - Evaluation and Proposed Outcomes of Trial Off Leash Areas at Laxton Reserve, Petersham Park and Sydenham Green.*

Melissa Brooks and Rosana Tyler declared a less than significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 6 as they are dog owners. They remained in the room during discussion of that item.

5. **Election of Chairperson:**

Nomination:   WOODS / ISKANDAR

That the Chairperson for the inaugural Marrickville Local Representation Advisory Committee be Victor Macri and for future meetings the responsibility for chairing be rotated amongst committee members.

Victor Macri was appointed as Chairperson by majority vote for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **Items for consideration by LRAC**

**Item 1:   Terms of Reference for Local Representation Advisory Committees**

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Recommendation:   MACRI / ISKANDAR

That:

1.       the Terms of Reference for the Local Representation Advisory Committees be noted and the following feedback be provided to the Administrator:

- 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.
2. commencing from July 2016, the Leichhardt Local Representation Advisory Committee be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, the Marrickville Local Representation Advisory Committee be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month and the Ashfield Local Representation Advisory Committee be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recommendation: PHILLIPS / MACRI

That Advisory Committee members be permitted to send agenda items to the Administrator.

For: Brooks, Hanna, Iskandar, Macri, Tyler and Woods

Against: Phillips

RECOMMENDATION CARRIED

Motion: PHILLIPS / HANNA

That the Administrator considers opening up meetings of the Local Representation Advisory Committee to the public so that they can observe proceedings.

For: Brooks, Hanna and Phillips

Against: Iskandar, Macri, Tyler and Woods

MOTION WAS LOST

*The Administrator requested the Interim General Manager prepare a report on options for webcasting future Committee meetings as an alternative.*

## **Item 2: Ratifying Council's Position on WestConnex**

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Chris Woods tabled two supplementary documents concerning this item. They appear as attachments to these minutes.

Recommendation: WOODS / HANNA

That the Local Representation Advisory Committee notes 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.

For: Brooks, Hanna, Iskandar, Phillips and Woods  
Against: Macri and Tyler

RECOMMENDATION CARRIED

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**Item 3: Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2016-17**

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Recommendation: MACRI / HANNA

That the Local Representation Advisory Committee(s) note and provide comment on 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recommendation: MACRI / HANNA

That the Council report on the Operational Plan and Budget considers the impact of not proceeding with the \$25 increase in the Domestic Waste Management Charge for the former Marrickville LGA for 2016-17 financial year.

For: Brooks, Hanna, Iskandar, Macri, Tyler and Woods

Against: Phillips

RECOMMENDATION CARRIED

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**Item 4: 2016 Grants and Local Representation Advisory Committee**

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Recommendation: MACRI / WOODS

That the Local Representation Advisory Committees (LRACs) notes the 2016 Inner West Grants program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was also noted that a joint meeting of LRACs would be convened in July to consider the assessment criteria for the Grants program.

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**Item 5: WestConnex Status – June 2016**

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Recommendation: MACRI / WOODS

That Council staff continue to liaise with the Sydney Motorway Corporation in an effort to minimise impacts and advocate for improved urban design, social and environmental outcomes for local residents, businesses and the public domain, in relation to WestConnex Stage 2 and 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Item 6: Evaluation and Proposed Outcomes of Trial Off Leash Areas at Laxton Reserve, Petersham Park and Sydenham Green**

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Recommendation: ISKANDAR / TYLER

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

That:

1. the report be received and noted;
2. the trial dog off leash areas at Petersham Park, Petersham and Sydenham Green, Sydenham are made permanent under the same conditions used during the trial period;
3. Council ceases the off leash trial at Laxton Reserve, Dulwich Hill;
4. Council implements a trial off leash area at Johnson Park, Dulwich Hill subject to the following time restrictions:
  - 6am to 9am, 6pm to 8pm during daylight saving, and 5pm to 7pm during non-daylight saving time;
5. Council implements a trial off leash area at Morton Park, Lewisham; and all residents who have provided feedback during the trial and evaluation process are notified of Council's decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**The meeting closed at 7.51pm.**