

**Draft Minutes of the
WestConnex Community Liaison Forum (WCLF)
held at Leichhardt Service Centre**

10:00am-12:30pm, Thursday 6 July 2017

The meeting commenced at 10.00am

In attendance:

Jennifer Aaron	Leichhardt Against WestConnex (LAW)
Peter Boyle	Newtown Residents Against WestConnex (NRAW)
Peter Hehir	Rozelle Against WestConnex (RAW)
Sarah Jacobs	Rozelle Public School Parents & Citizens (P&C)
Jenny Waldeck	Rozelle Public School P&C
Chris Kerle	Community Organiser No WestConnex Public Transport (NoW PT)
Sharon Laura	Haberfield Resident
Cynthia Moore	Haberfield Resident
Jozefa Sobski	Haberfield Resident
Richard Walsham	Former Marrickville Council WestConnex Advisory Committee member
Tom Zelinka	No WestConnex Annandale
Richard Pearson	Administrator Inner West Council (IWC)
John Warburton	Deputy General Manager Community & Engagement IWC
Kendall Banfield	Manager WestConnex Unit IWC
Felix Liu	Engineer WestConnex Unit IWC
Robyn Meakins	Administration Officer WestConnex Unit IWC
Helen Tola	Manager Customer Service & Corporate Planning IWC
Peter Morrall	Senior Operations Officer Metropolitan Infrastructure Environment Protection Authority (EPA)
Mike Sharpin	Acting Unit Head Metropolitan Infrastructure EPA
Rob Sherry	Principal WestConnex Compliance Officer, Department of Planning & Environment (DP&E)

1. Welcome by Administrator

The Administrator welcomed all members to the WCLF meeting.

2. Acknowledgement of Country

3. Apologies

Apologies were accepted for the absence of:

Malachy Ward	Haberfield Association
Rhea Liebmann	WestCONex Action Group
LJ Loch	WestProtects
Paul Jeffery	NoW PT
Ken Welsh	Transport Planner IWC
Kathleen Withers	WestConnex Compliance Officer DP&E

4. Items for consideration by WCLF

Item 1: Minutes from 1 June 2017 meeting & update on actionable items

It was determined that:

1. Minutes of the WCLF meeting held on 1 June 2017 be adopted; and
2. The update on actionable items be received and noted.

Key Points raised during the discussion included:

- Concerns continue to be raised about WestConnex-related parking issues in Haberfield. M4 East contractors are not using the former motor registry car park on the corner of Ramsay Road and Henley Marine Drive, Five Dock. Workers continue to use local roads to park all day. Some local parking 'hot spots' were discussed, including Martin, Wolseley, Ramsay, Bland, Alt and Denman streets, Haberfield.
- It was suggested that a list of 'creative ways' of getting M4 East staff to park at the former motor registry site be developed. This could include sign-on documents, holding daily toolbox meetings and/or offering incentives for car sharing to maximise the use of the motor registry site. Workers to sign on and toolbox meetings to be held at the former motor registry site in Five Dock. This suggestion to be put to the CSJ, JV, SMC and DPE.
- A suggestion was made that Council investigates resident parking schemes as a way of managing WestConnex staff parking demand in the Haberfield and St Peters areas.
- Concerns continue to be raised in relation to the absence of a marshalling area for trucks from the M4 East in Haberfield, other than for them to circle local roads (Parramatta Road, Wattle Street, Ramsay Street, Fairlight Street, and Great North Road). Concerns raised at what solution is being sought for trucks from the M4 East projects, and that tunnelling will be finished before an M4 East solution is found. Concerns continue to be raised in relation to the lack of a marshalling area at White Bay, which, contrary to previous indications, appears may not be available for Stage 3. A suggestion was made that the DP&E develop standard conditions of approval for future WestConnex stages to ensure truck marshalling areas are provided and managed. Lessons should be learned from the truck marshalling issues that have arisen from M4 East construction.

Refer to Actionable Items 1 to 3 listed below.

Item 2: Report back on the State WestConnex Community Reference Group (WCRG)

It was determined that the report be received and noted.

Key Points raised during the discussion included:

- Concerns were raised about the seeming unwillingness of Sydney Motorway Corporation (SMC) representatives to engage at the appropriate technical level with community representatives at WCRG meetings. It was suggested that future meetings have a more 'technical' focus - as opposed to a 'communications' focus - with relevant experts present. WCRG agendas should be more closely adhered to so that community representatives gain more accurate and timely information and the meetings are more productive.
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Refer to Actionable Item 4 to 6 listed below.

Item 3: WestConnex update report

It was determined that the report be received and noted.

Council's Engineer WestConnex Unit provided a verbal update on the most recent M4 East Traffic and Transport Liaison Group (TTLG) meeting.

Stage 1 update report

Key Points raised during the discussion included:

- Concerns were raised about when EPA had been advised it had received an application to undertake shaft exploration works for the ventilation facility in Haberfield. These works, which will extend for eight weekends in a row, will have a major impact on the residents in the area. Queries were raised about why these works needed to be completed so urgently and when the trial period would be finished. Residents expressed a strong preference for weekend works to be avoided.
- Concerns continue to be raised about the ongoing night works and residents having to re-locate themselves to hotels to get a good night's sleep. Queries were raised about the EPA's jurisdiction to limit out-of-hours works and whether monitoring during the night was being undertaken for Category A (lowest impact) works.
- Queries were raised about whether conditions of approval make provision for respite periods, and whether EPA has ways of managing respite.

Refer to Actionable Items 7 to 15 listed below.

Stage 2 update report

EPA's Acting Unit Head Metropolitan Infrastructure provided a verbal update on management of odour issues at the St Peters Interchange (SPI) site.

Key points raised during the discussion were:

- There has been a decrease in the number of complaints made following implementation of the second leachate treatment facility at SPI.
- Some odour is still present at the rear of McDonalds and the Ibis Hotel on the Princes Highway at St Peters. Odour is being monitored by an independent consultant, who will also undertake reviews of New M5 odour management practices and advise EPA on other actions that can be undertaken to address this issue.
- Reference was made to odour impacts on St Peters Public School. The EPA representative confirmed that EPA staff were in regular contact with the school principal on this matter.
- Reference was made to use of strategically-placed shipping containers as a noise barrier for residents in Marsh Street, Arncliffe. A query was raised about using shipping containers for this purpose in St Peters (and possibly Haberfield).

Refer to Actionable Item 16 listed below.

Stage 3 update report

Key Points raised during the discussion included:

- The Administrator advised that the Stage 3 Concept Design was on public exhibition until 4 August 2017. Council is preparing a submission, summaries of which would be considered at the Local Representation Advisory Committee (LRAC) and Council meetings in July 2017.
- Concerns were raised about contradictory information within the Concept Design about the Rozelle Interchange beneath Lilyfield and Rozelle. This makes it difficult for the community to make informed comments on this document.
- Concerns were raised about the poor condition of roads around the project. Many had worn surfaces, potholes and excessive traffic due to rat-running. The poor condition of the roads causes excessive wear-and-tear on cars.
- Concerns were raised about the steep grades of entry/exit tunnels to the Haberfield Interchange and the resultant increase in air pollution.
- A query was raised about how construction of Stage 3 would be staged – in particular, where tunnelling would commence, which direction tunnelling would proceed and how construction of the interchanges would be staged. Staging of works will influence the duration and location of construction impacts.
- Concerns were raised about delays to proposed landscaping between Ramsay and Parramatta Road because of Stage 3. The longer the delay, the longer this area will appear as a construction waste-land.
- Concerns were raised about air pollution impacts from the ventilation facilities proposed in Rozelle. Details on the number of these facilities has not been given in the Concept Design, so it can't be known at this stage how great their impact will be.
- Queries were raised about Council's Concept Design community flyer and whether this information would also be distributed via social media - Twitter, FaceBook etc.
- Concerns were raised about Stage 3 community engagement generally, and what can be done to ensure communication on all WestConnex matters is accessible to all - including those who are hearing or visually impaired.
- Concerns were raised about noise and vibration footprints - both pre and post construction of the tunnels.

Refer to Actionable Items 17 to 19 listed below.

Item 4: Environment Protection Authority (EPA) update

A verbal update was given by EPA's Acting Unit Head Metropolitan Infrastructure on current odour and noise issues related to the project.

It was determined that the report be received and noted.

Key points raised during the discussion included:

- Concerns about Department of Housing tenants in Alt Street and Dobroyd Parade Haberfield – some of whom are seriously affected by construction activities but may be reluctant to complain as their landlord is a NSW Government agency.
- A community representative suggested that staff from Council's Community Services section arrange to visit these tenants to discuss their concerns. It was also suggested that EPA undertakes noise monitoring specifically for these tenants.

Refer to Actionable Items 14 & 15 listed below.

Item 5: Compliance update

The DP&E's Principal WestConnex Compliance Officer provided a compliance update.

It was determined that the report be received and noted.

Key Points raised during the discussion were:

- Reference was made to recent meetings between the DP&E compliance staff and developers of the *Snap Send Solve* app. DP&E is considering adopting this app to assist with monitoring of major projects across NSW. Sydney Metro (rail) or WestConnex could be used as case studies to trial this app later this year. The app allows residents to take photos and record details on their phone and send them directly to DP&E. It was suggested that this app could also be used by EPA, noting that EPA's current complaints recording app does not allow users to attach a photo.
- Concerns were raised about the ongoing social impacts of WestConnex - and all other kinds of development - on people in the Inner West Council area. Reference was made to a letter the RAW representative had sent to the DP&E social impact assessment expert. A response had not been received to date, and a request was made that this be followed up by DP&E staff.
- The issue of 'complaint fatigue' was raised as one of the social impacts of the project. A point of discussion was the need for anyone with a complaint to ensure it was lodged officially to ensure all complaints are listed on the project's complaints register.
- Reference to Council's planned public meeting on the Stage 3 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was made, with a suggestion that multiple meetings be run on a ward-by-ward basis, given that Stage 3 issues would differ in different parts of the Council area.
- Concerns were raised about lack of engagement on Sydney's Water's proposed naturalisation of the Iron Creek Canal, near Reg Cody Reserve at Haberfield. There were calls for Council to call on Sydney Water to ensure there was no delay to this project because of WestConnex.

- Concerns were raised about protection of the Yasmar property on Parramatta Road at Haberfield, and the need to protect the roots of trees in and around this property. It was pointed out that trees in and around Yasmar performed a vital function of 'washing out' road traffic pollution.

Refer to Actionable Items 13 to 15 listed below.

Summary of actionable items

The following actionable items were an outcome of discussions of the above items.

General actions

1. Council staff to extract Stage 1 and 2 conditions of approval relevant to parking management and present these to the next WCLF meeting.
Current situation: Relevant conditions of approval will be included in the agenda papers for the next meeting.
2. Council's Traffic & Transport Services Manager be requested to attend the next meeting of the WCLF in August 2017 to discuss the possibility of implementing resident parking schemes in areas affected by WestConnex staff parking.
Current situation: Council's Traffic & Transport Services Manager has been invited to attend the next meeting.
3. Council to write to SMC's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the DP&E to raise project staff parking and truck marshalling issues. Letter to mention that truck marshalling areas have not been established for the M4 East and to request that marshalling areas be established for the M4-M5 Link.
Current situation: The Administrator has written to SMC and DP&E to raise these issues.
4. Council to write to SMC to reiterate the purpose of the WCRG meetings and to request that relevant technical experts attend future meetings, that agenda items are adhered to and that relevant topics are included.
Current situation: The Administrator has written to the WCRG Chair to raise these issues.
5. Council to write to the DP&E post-approvals team to outline issues in relation to noise impacts on Haberfield and St Peters residents.
Current situation: The Administrator has written to DP&E to raise these issues.
6. Council staff to follow up on a response to a letter sent to DP&E's social impact assessment specialist about the social impacts of major infrastructure projects on people in the Inner West Council area, given no response has been received to date.
Current situation: Council staff will make enquiries to DP&E and will report findings at the next WCLF meeting.

Stage 1 actions

7. EPA staff to investigate SMC's recent application for shaft excavation works for the ventilation facility at Haberfield, and to explain EPA's responsibilities in relation to these works.

Current situation: EPA staff have been requested to investigate this matter, and progress will be reported to the next WCLF meeting.

8. EPA staff to contact the Haberfield WCLF representative to discuss Haberfield residents' concerns about prolonged weekend construction works.

Current situation: EPA staff have been requested to investigate this matter, and progress will be reported to the next WCLF meeting.

9. Council staff to report progress of Sydney Water's Iron Creek Canal naturalisation project to the next WCLF meeting.

Current situation: Council staff are currently investigating, and will report findings to the next WCLF meeting.

10. Council staff to report to the next WCLF meeting on what Council's tree policies says about the role of trees in protecting residents against air pollution impacts – to lend support for protection of trees on the Yasmar property on Parramatta Road, Haberfield.

Current situation: Council staff are currently investigating, and will report findings to the next WCLF meeting.

11. Council staff to report to the next WCLF meeting the proposed locations for air quality monitoring stations in the Haberfield area.

Current situation: Council staff are currently investigating, and will report findings to the next WCLF meeting.

12. Council staff to visit Department of Housing tenants in Alt Street and Dobroyd Parade, Haberfield to discuss their concerns about M4 East construction impacts.

Current situation: Council staff will action this item, and progress will be reported to the next WCLF meeting.

13. Council to inform the community about rehabilitation plans for Reg Coady Reserve post-WestConnex construction, as they become available.

Current situation: Council staff will make enquiries and will report back to a future WCLF meeting.

14. Council staff to contact representatives from Friends of Yasmar and the Haberfield Association about protection of tree roots in and around the Yasmar property on Parramatta Road, Haberfield.

Current situation: Council staff will action this item, and progress will be reported to the next WCLF meeting.

15. EPA staff to arrange noise monitoring in Alt Street and Dobroyd Parade, Haberfield to address concerns raised at the WCLF forum on 7 July 2017.

Current situation: EPA staff have been requested to investigate this matter, and progress will be reported to the next WCLF meeting.

Stage 2 actions

16. EPA staff to report to the next WCLF meeting on the feasibility of using shipping containers as sound walls in St Peters (and possibly Haberfield).

Current situation: EPA staff have been requested to investigate this matter, and progress will be reported to the next WCLF meeting.

Stage 3 actions

17. Council to write to SMC requesting information on the number of ventilation facilities planned for the Rozelle Rail Yards and Victoria Road (near Terry Street) - and to request that this information be made public prior to the close of the Concept Design exhibition.

Current situation: The Administrator has written to the SMC to raise these issues.

18. Council staff to contact Haberfield primary schools Joan of Arc and Dobroyd Public to ensure they understand the impacts of what is proposed in the Stage 3 EIS.

Current situation: Council staff will contact these schools when the Stage 3 EIS is exhibited, and progress will be reported to a future WCLF meeting.

19. Council to distribute a flyer for Stage 3 to residents providing key issues with Concept Design and encouraging people to make submissions.

Current situation: Flyers distributed in week starting 24 July 2017.

The meeting concluded at 12.30pm.

Next meeting: Thursday 3 August 2017, 10:00am to 12:30pm
Level 3 Leichhardt Service Centre
7-15 Wetherill Street, Leichhardt