

**Minutes of WestConnex Community Liaison Forum (WCLF)
held at Leichhardt Service Centre on Thursday 27 October 2016**

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am.

Attendees:	Richard Walsham Paul Jeffery	Former Marrickville Council Advisory Group Save Ashfield Park Committee, No WestConnex: Public Transport
	Denise Tierney Sarah Wood LJ Loch Tom Zelinka Peter Hehir Jennifer Aaron Rhea Liebmann Alana West Vince Crow Chris Woods Cynthia Moore	Resident & LAW WPR, WestProtects WPR No WestConnex Annandale, RAW RAW LAW & Resident WestCONnew Action Group No WestConnex: Public Transport Haberfield Association Marrickville LRAC Member
Other Attendees:	Richard Pearson Kendall Banfield Rob Sherry Helen Tola Jenny Conway	Administrator Manager WestConnex Unit Department of Planning & Environment Manager Customer Service & Corporate Planning PA to Director Planning & Environment Management

1. Welcome by Administrator

The Administrator introduced Kendall Banfield, the newly-appointed manager of Council's WestConnex unit.

2. Acknowledgement of Country

3. Apologies

Apologies were accepted for the absence of Phil Sarin - Director Planning & Environment, Ken Welsh - Transport Planner, Christine Allibone White - WestProtects, Sharon Laura - Haberfield Resident, Ruth Nelson - WestCONnex Action Group, Richard Archer - RAW (Rozelle Against WestConnex), Christina Valentine - Leichhardt Against WestConnex, Catherine Gemmell - Leichhardt Against WestConnex, Jozefa Sobski - Haberfield Resident.

Item 1 Minutes from 29 September 2016 Meeting & Update on Actionable Items

It was determined that:

1. Minutes from 29 September 2016 be adopted,
2. The update of actionable items be received and noted.

Some key points raised during the discussion included:

- Concerns raised in relation to the Darley Road mid-tunnel construction dive site and the catastrophic impacts this would have to the area. An update was requested.

- Suggestion that maps of each stage be available at the meetings in A0/A1 size.
- Concerns that community members were being ignored and threatened with accusations of civil disobedience with regards to WestConnex generally, and calls for Council to do more to advocate opposition to the project.
- The Administrator advised that the Terms of Reference for the State WestConnex Community Consultative Committee were drafted and that an update would be provided to the next meeting.
- Concerns were raised that flyers are not being received in the Balmain and Leichhardt area. Council's communications staff to follow up with distribution contractors.
- Attendees were advised that a public meeting was held in the Balmain Town Hall on 26 October 2016 with over 100 residents in attendance. WestProtects Rozelle had organised the meeting and Peter Jones (SMC), David Gainsford and Oliver Holmes (DPE) were in attendance. Stage 3 was discussed, and it is likely that the EIS would be finalised in May 2017 and community consultation on design issues would occur in January and February 2017 (following the request by Inner West). A commitment was made at the meeting that no works would impact Easton Park with regards to the proposed second harbour tunnel.
- Rob Sherry advised that the State Community Consultative Committee is expected to be set up in November 2016, which would include an independent chair, 2-3 community group representatives per stage, regulatory agency staff and SMC.

Refer to Actionable Items 1 to 6 listed below.

Item 2 Stage 1 Update Report

It was determined that the report be received and noted.

Some key points raised during the discussion included:

- Concerns raised that trucks continue to use residential streets for access and are illegally parking. Rob Sherry advised that the Department was conducting early morning blitzes collecting licence plates which would be cross checked with the database to determine whether they were utility trucks or project related trucks. Once data is retrieved and cross checked, enforcement of breaches could commence and could result in potential fines of \$7,500 being issued to truck drivers. A suggestion was made that compound managers be fined rather than the individual truck drivers. Rob Sherry advised that fines were not able to be issued to compound managers, drivers have been put on notice and training has been provided. A further suggestion was made that RMS pay for the installation of traffic calming devices such as chicanes (rather than speed humps due to noise impacts) as compensation for the impact the project will have on the local community.
- Request for Wattle Street to only be used 12 hours/day to reduce impact on residents. Rob Sherry advised that truck movements are being reviewed with an aim of reducing impact on residents.

- Request that Rogers Avenue be closed when WestConnex becomes operational. Triggered broader discussion regarding the impacts of WestConnex on residential streets and need for proactive traffic calming schemes.
- Council was commended on the heritage salvage efforts. A request for a list of the four remaining unclaimed heritage items was made and further that the creation of a memorial to those who lost their homes to WestConnex be recommended and potentially located in the grounds of the Haberfield Library. The Administrator gave a commitment to storing the four unclaimed items.
- Suggestion that Council consider that the money from the sale of Reg Coady Reserve be used towards funding opposition to WestConnex.

Refer to Actionable Items 7 to 10 listed below.

Item 3 Stage 2 Update Report

It was determined that the report be received and noted.

Some key points raised during the discussion included:

- Concerns were raised in relation to the impacts on residents of WestConnex workers parking all day in local streets (e.g Florence Street, Church Street and Frederick Street) and a request that compliance and parking issues be investigated was made.
- Concerns that WestConnex is over-claiming land and speculation that this is for resale to developers post works.
- Residents to be advised that utility works are taking place near their home, such as street closures and disturbances to water supply. Residents have past experiences of water being disconnected without notice and water being polluted. Concerns were raised about ongoing utility works that are occurring with limited (if any) notice being given to residents.

Refer to Actionable Items 11 to 16 listed below.

Item 4 Stage 3 Update Report

It was determined that the report be received and noted.

Some key points raised during the discussion included:

- Request that traffic calming of local streets commences prior to any works beginning in the Leichhardt/Lilyfield area, particularly in Burt Street and Lilyfield Street.
- Request that a further banner be installed on the western side of Victoria Road, near Rozelle shopping village.
- Concerns were raised in relation to the air quality as a result of the project and a request that Council plays an active role in pursuing the air pollution issue due to the health effects on the community, specifically with regard to the smaller air particles.

- Requesting that Council publicly oppose the Darley Road site as being inappropriate by means of advertising in the local media.
- Concerns raised on recently approved outdoor dining along Marion Street and Norton Street and the impact of air quality on residents and local businesses.
- Concerns were raised in relation to the legal advice presented to the Council and a request for the engineers report in relation to Darley Road site to be given the highest priority and that such be progressed (i.e. appointment of engineer and preferred option) as soon as possible.
- A suggestion was made at the meeting to encourage Council and community to lobby members of State and Federal Government (including crossbenchers) to hear concerns of residents in relation to WestConnex impacts on Sydney's inner west community.
- Calls for daily media releases showing commitment to the opposition of WestConnex to raise awareness.

Refer to Actionable Items 17 to 22 listed below.

Item 5 Compliance Update

It was determined that the report be received and noted.

Some key points raised during the discussion included:

- Concerns were raised in relation to the trip hazards, uneven surfaces, lack of lighting, restricted access around Reg Coady Reserve. A document titled *Reg Coady Reserve* was tabled by Paul Jeffery highlighting these issues.
- Concerns were raised in relation to the notification area relating to modification of Development Application (DA) D/2016/311, 7 Darley Road, Lilyfield given the contentious nature of the site.
- Questions were raised as to who residents should contact with regards to complaints relating to Stage 3 of the project, knowing that no approval has been granted to date and that no compliance actions can be taken.
- Concerns were raised that the project has been falsely advertised as a 'motorway' rather than a 'tollway'.

Refer to actionable items 23 to 25 listed below.

Summary of Actionable Items

The following actionable items were an outcome of the discussions held at the meeting relating to the above mentioned Items.

General Actions

1. Prioritise as a matter of urgency, the appointment/engagement of an engineer for the proposed Darley Road dive site and provide an update in relation to the timeframes of the Darley Road Tunnel.

Current situation: A brief for the study of dive site options has been finalised, with the aim that a consultant be appointed to commence the study in the week beginning 14 November 2016.

2. Provide an update on the no stopping zone at the intersection of Lilyfield Road and Darley Road to ensure that the no stopping zone is being enforced.

Current situation: Council's compliance manager from the Leichhardt Service Centre has been asked to provide an update on this item, which will be reported to the next meeting.

3. Provide maps of each stage in A0/A1 size for display at meetings of the WestConnex Community Liaison Forum.

Current situation: These will be provided at the next meeting and at future meetings.

4. Further investigate WestConnex Facebook pages and encourage members to forward some examples of screen shots and investigate these via communications.

Current situation: Council staff are currently investigating, and will report any additional information to the next meeting.

5. Investigate the alleged delay and non-delivery of WestConnex flyers with the contractors specifically in the Balmain and Leichhardt areas of the Local Government Area.

Current situation: Council staff are currently investigating, and will give an update to the next meeting.

6. Provide a progress update on the State Community Consultative Committee to the next meeting.

Current situation: Draft Terms of Reference have been consulted with Council and it is understood that State Government intends to have up and running by end 2016.

Stage 1

7. Arrange for the sign located outside Ashfield Park to be relocated to a more prominent location on the opposite site of Parramatta Road (near McDonalds).

Current situation: Council staff have sent this advice to SMC. Any response from SMC will be reported to the next meeting, however it is understood SMC has agreed to relocate.

8. Investigate and make available the timetable for project truck operations and how resident are able to identify these project related vehicles, where and to whom incidents and/or complaints should be reported (i.e. RMS) and make this information available on the WestConnex website.

Current situation: Council staff are currently liaising with SMC communications staff and Department of Planning compliance staff on this item. Progress will be reported to the next meeting.

9. Prepare a detailed report on proposed traffic calming in residential areas to prevent rat running/volume of traffic using side streets/roads that front Parramatta Road on both the Ashfield and Haberfield areas (i.e. this is proposed to encourage the use of the tunnel, specifically restricting traffic using local streets) and request RMS to partner with Council to progress the study.

Current situation: Council's WestConnex co-ordinator is currently discussing this action item with traffic management staff from the Petersham Service Centre. An update report will be given at the next meeting on progress of traffic modelling in the St Peters area and how this could be applied to other areas potentially affected by WestConnex traffic. (This is related to Action Item 14.)

10. Provide a link to the Conditions of Consent relating to Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the WestConnex project.

Current situation: The M4 East Instrument of Approval (Stage 1) is available on Council's website via <http://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/hot-topics/westconnex/westconnex-stage-1-ashfield-haberfield> and new M5 Instrument of Approval (Stage 2) is available on Council's website via <http://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/hot-topics/westconnex/westconnex-stage-2-beverley-hills-to-st-peters>.

Stage 2

11. Rhea Liebmann to provide examples where the school zones commence not directly in front of the gates and are not street facing (e.g. St Peters Primary School).

Current situation: Council staff to ask Rhea Liebmann for this information before the next meeting. This information will be used to advocate to RMS the need for a school zone on Campbell Street, St Peters.

12. Conduct a blitz in the St Peters area specifically streets between Campbell and Frederick Street as the parking area is potentially being used by the WestConnex workers.

Current situation: Council's compliance staff at the Petersham Service Centre have been asked to investigate and action if necessary. Progress will be reported to the next meeting.

13. Representations be made to the utility companies to request that ample notification be provided to residents prior to utility works being undertaken.

Current situation: Council staff are currently actioning this item, and progress will be reported back to the next meeting.

14. Prepare an update report on the St Peter's traffic modelling.

Current situation: Council's WestConnex co-ordinator is gathering information and will report back on this item at the next meeting. (This relates to Action Item 9.)

15. Prepare an update report on the existence of any mid-tunnel dives sites at Tempe.

Current situation: At a recent meeting, Council staff have queried SMC and RMS staff on this item. The response is that there will be no mid-tunnel dive sites in Tempe Reserve or any part of Tempe. This will be confirmed at the next meeting.

16. Consider whether money from the sale of Reg Coady Reserve could be used towards funding opposition to WestConnex.

Current situation: Advice from Council's Director of Planning and Environment is that given the loss of public open space, any funds obtained from acquisition of the site should be used for open space related uses.

Stage 3

17. Request to RMS that the right hand turn from Gordon Street onto Victoria Road, Rozelle remains in the future.
Current situation: Council staff are currently investigating, and will report progress to the next meeting.
18. Reinstate the original RAW banner outside the Sackville Hotel on Darling Street, Rozelle (including displaying of such during the Christmas and New Year period).
Current situation: Council staff are currently actioning this item.
19. Provide clarification on driver tunnel and on the 24 hour open ventilation portal works generally (i.e. those proposed in Easton Park).
Current situation: Council staff are investigating and will report relevant information to the next meeting.
20. Seek clarification on the height of unfiltered air stacks and how air pollution is being tracked (as part of EIS for Stage 3).
Current situation: Council staff are currently investigating and will report relevant information to the next meeting.
21. Report on the timing and proposed route of the western harbour crossing (i.e. second harbour tunnel) to the next meeting and extend an invitation to the SMC to attend the next meeting.
Current situation: SMC will be requested to attend the next WCLF meeting.
22. Extend a further invitation to the EPA requesting their attendance at the next meeting of the WCLF to discuss air quality impacts as result of the project and to seek comparison to the regional air quality results.
Current situation: Relevant EPA staff have been invited to attend the next meeting.

Compliance matters

23. Contact SMC to obtain the contact details of the Environmental Representative to whom complaints should be made with regards to Stage 3 and circulate these contact details to WCLF members.
Current situation: Council is awaiting details from SMC and will circulate these to WCLF members shortly.
24. Request that SMC provides residents with more advance notice of works commencing.
Current situation: Council staff have made this request to SMC. The response will be reported to the next meeting.
25. Prepare a list of the top compliance issues/problems which have been identified for each Stage of the Project and present such to the next meeting.
Current situation: Council staff have requested the Department of Planning's compliance officer to present this to the next meeting.

The Meeting concluded at **12.35 pm.**

Next Meeting: **Thursday 1 December 6pm - 8.30pm**