

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

10:00am-12:30pm, Thursday 1 June 2017

The meeting commenced at 10.00am

In attendance:

Christine Allibone-White	WestProtects
Peter Boyle	Newtown Residents Against WestConnex (NRAW)
Chris Kerle	Community Organiser No WestConnex Public Transport (NoW PT)
Sharon Laura	Haberfield Resident
Rhea Liebmann	WestCONex Action Group
LJ Loch	WestProtects
Cynthia Moore	Haberfield Resident
Rochelle Porteous	Rozelle Against WestConnex (RAW)
Lesley Treleaven	Camperdown Residents Against WestConnex (CRAW)
Jozefa Sobski	Haberfield Resident
Paul Jeffery	NoW PT
Richard Walsham	Former Marrickville Council WestConnex Advisory Committee member
Richard Pearson	Administrator Inner West Council (IWC)
John Warburton	Deputy General Manager Community & Engagement IWC
Kendall Banfield	Manager WestConnex Unit IWC
Graham Burgess	Deputy Director - Senior Environmental Health Officer Sydney Local Health District Public Health Unit
Leena Gupta	Director Public Health - Clinical Director Population Health Sydney Local Health District Public Health Unit
Felix Liu	Engineer WestConnex Unit IWC
Robyn Meakins	Administration Officer WestConnex Unit IWC
Stuart Clark	Acting Unit Head Metropolitan Infrastructure, Environment Protection Authority (EPA)
Robert Mels	Operations Officer Metropolitan Infrastructure EPA
Claire Miles	Regional Operations Officer Metropolitan Infrastructure EPA
Rob Sherry	Principal WestConnex Compliance Officer, Department of Planning & Environment (DP&E)
Kathleen Withers	WestConnex Compliance Officer DP&E
Helen Tola	Manager Customer Service & Corporate Planning IWC

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:

Jennifer Aaron	Leichhardt Against WestConnex (LAW)
Peter Hehir	RAW
Vincent Crow	Haberfield Association
Malachy Ward	Haberfield Association

4. Items for consideration by WCLF

Item 1: Minutes from 7 April 2017 meeting & update on actionable Items

It was determined that:

1. Minutes of the WestConnex Community Liaison Forum (WCLF) held on 4 May 2017 be adopted; and
2. The update on actionable items be received and noted.

Key Points raised during the discussion included:

- Reference was made to the draft letter to the Minister for WestConnex prepared by WestProtects representative regarding the lack of transparency and lack of genuine communication on the project. WCLF members were asked to provide any edits to the letter via track-changes so the letter could be finalised.
- Concerns continue to be raised about pedestrian access along and around Ramsay Street and idling of trucks in Haberfield.
- Reference was made to M4 East workers still not using the former motor registry buildings and car park on the corner of Ramsay Road and Henley Marine Drive, Five Dock. This site has been available for use by the project since mid-May 2017.
- Concerns continue to be raised about WestConnex construction worker behaviour, including parking in residential streets. This includes pedestrian and traffic safety issues associated with parking in Denman Street and other streets around Haberfield Public School.
- Concerns were raised in relation to the lack of a marshalling area at White Bay, which appears to not be available for Stage 3 (contrary to previous indications). Queries were also raised about where the marshalling area would be for the Western Harbour Tunnel.

Refer to Actionable Items 1, 2 & 14 listed below.

Item 2: WestConnex Update Report

It was determined that the report be received and noted.

Stage 1 update report

Key Points raised during the discussion included:

- Concerns about planning for the noise wall that will separate residential properties on Walker Avenue from those on Wattle Street. Residents have been told by SMC the wall will be made up of solid 5m pale grey Hebel panels, not 3m grey panels with a two metre clear Perspex Hebel panel on top – as has been advocated by some residents. This is not considered to be aesthetically pleasing to some residents. To determine residents' preferences, SMC has undertaken one-on-one meetings, but has not spoken collectively with all affected owners.
- Concerns were raised by residents about the lack of planting proposed on the residents' side of the wall and the open drain running the full length of Walker Avenue - and possible vermin issues associated with the drain.
- Concerns were raised about the poor condition of pedestrian paths along the newly-opened Ramsay Street – particularly how this affects people with disabilities. It was suggested that Council and DP&E arrange a walk-through of these paths with a visually impaired person to experience the issues first-hand.
- Concerns were raised about lack of coordination between various State agencies on road closures/detours affecting Haberfield. It has been noted that trip advisory maps and other transport information are not being updated to show closures and detours.
- Council staff indicated that they would be shortly attending a M4 East Traffic and Transport Liaison Group (TTLG) meeting and would raise these issues at the meeting with a view to resolution.

Refer to Actionable Items 6 to 9 listed below.

Stage 2 update report

Key Points raised during the discussion included:

- There have been reports from residents in St Peters and Marrickville being affected by vibration from New M5 tunnelling from the St Peters Interchange (SPI) site.
- Reference was made to a second water treatment facility, proposed to be operational within three weeks, and a pollution reduction program underway at the SPI site. It was reported that SMC/JV has had to engage an independent consultant to undertake reviews of their current odour management practices.
- EPA representatives provided an update on odour incidents and made reference to an on-site meeting with EPA, SMC and JV staff following odour incidents on 28 March, 22 May and 26 May 2017.
- Concerns were raised about noise impacts and a query raised about whether EPA had a noise diary which could be completed by residents to inform a noise map. EPA representatives advised there was no such diary.

Refer to Actionable Item 10 listed below.

Stage 3 update report

Key Points raised during the discussion included:

- The Administrator advised he was planning to meet with the Minister for WestConnex shortly to discuss a range of WestConnex issues, including key Stage 3 issues.

- Reference was made to the importance of the Civilising WestConnex exhibition and it was requested that Council publicise the location of the exhibition.
- Council staff were thanked for attending the CRAW public meeting held on 21 May 2017.
- Concerns were raised about future spoil movements and truck staging areas for Stage 3 – in particular, the impact of truck movements on the already high levels of general traffic already on Darley Road, City West Link and Parramatta Road.
- A request was made for each group represented on the WCLF to be allocated editorial space in the planned RAW tabloid on WestConnex.
- The NRAW representative informed the meeting about planning underway for a lantern parade along the Newtown-Camperdown part of the Stage 3 WestConnex tunnel route on Saturday 22 July 2017. The NRAW representative asked if Council could provide assistance for a barbeque in Camperdown Park at the conclusion of the parade between 6.30pm and 7.30pm.
- Concerns were raised about lack of understanding in the community of the Stage 3 Concept Design and forthcoming Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). It was requested that Council distribute a flyer to all residents listing the key issues raised by the Concept Design and encouraging residents to make a submission.
- Concerns were raised about steep grades of traffic ramps and dive-site access roads being steep in the Haberfield interchange area.

Refer to Actionable Items 3 to 5 & 11 to 14 listed below.

Item 3: Sydney Local Health District Public Health Unit (NSW Health) presentation

A presentation was made by the Deputy Director-Senior Environmental Health Officer (NSW Health) in relation to the role of NSW Health. To investigate further the studies referenced in the presentation use this link: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/air/Pages/reports-studies.aspx>

It was determined that the report be received and noted.

Item 4: EPA presentation

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

It was determined that the report be received and noted.

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.

Summary of actionable items

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

General actions

1. Council to circulate letters prepared by West Protects representative (LJ Loch) for consideration of members once received.
Current situation: LJ Loch has circulated and provided copied to Council for its information.
2. DP&E to discuss issues of employee parking, traffic hazards, idling of trucks and associated safety issues at monthly meetings with SMC/JV and report back to the WCLF.
Current situation: Council has forward this request to DP&E, and the response will be reported to a future WCLF meeting.
3. The Administrator advised he would raise issues of driver behaviour, parking in residential streets and idling of trucks with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of SMC verbally in an attempt to seek his commitment to improved project management and SMC being good corporate citizen.
Current situation: The Administrator to phone SMC's CEO and response to be reported to a future WCLF meeting.
4. Council to write to the DP&E about EIS approval issues, identifying the top eight items that should be handled differently for Stage 3 than for Stages 1 and 2.
Current situation: Council staff to write to the DP&E on this matter, and the response will be reported to a future WCLF meeting.
5. Council to confirm if the City of Sydney will be hosting the Civilising WestConnex exhibition, and provide an update to the WCLF.
Current situation: Council staff are investigating with City of Sydney colleagues and will report back to a future WCLF meeting.
6. Council to raise with RAW the question from other WCLF representatives about editorial space being made available to other WestConnex advocacy groups upon request.
Current situation: Council staff to contact RAW representatives on this matter, and the response will be reported back to a future WCLF meeting.

Stage 1 actions

7. Minutes of the Residents of Walker Avenue meeting to be forwarded to Council to provide background on the consultations with SMC on noise wall designs and related Urban Design & Landscape Plan (UDLP) issues.
Current situation: Council staff to investigate and the response will be reported to a future WCLF meeting.
8. Council to raise with the DP&E on behalf of the Walker Avenue residents noise-wall designs and related issues, and to check whether these matters have been considered by the panel overseeing development of the UDLP. An update to be provided to the next WCLF meeting.

Current situation: Council to forward this request to DP&E and the response will be reported to the next WCLF meeting.

9. Council and the DP&E to organise a walk-through of pedestrian paths along Ramsay Street with a visually-impaired person to enable staff to experience access issues first-hand.

Current situation: Council has forward this request to DP&E, and the response will be reported to a future WCLF meeting.

10. Council to raise concerns at the next M4 East TTLG meeting about unsatisfactory conditions for pedestrians at the Ramsay/Martin street intersection and the lack of co-ordination between the various agencies (particularly Sydney Buses) and report back to the next WCLF meeting.

Current situation: Council staff attended the 1 June 2017 TTLG meeting and raised the Ramsay Street footpath issues with the JV, including uneven surface and inadequate lighting. Some of these issues had also been discussed at the 31 May M4 East interface meeting between SMC, JV, Council and DP&E staff and at the 1 June 2017 WestConnex Community Liaison Forum (WCLF) meeting. The TTLG's Sydney Buses representative raised concerns about altered bus operations at the eastbound approach to the Ramsay Street / Wattle Street intersection. The 'left turn - buses excepted' sign previously at the intersection's approach has not been reinstated due to traffic performance considerations. The Sydney Buses representative was concerned that this would result in delays to bus operations along this busy route.

Stage 2 actions

11. EPA to provide an update to the next WCLF meeting on investigations into SPI site odour incidents on 28 March and 22 and 26 May 2017.

Current situation: Council has forward this request to EPA and the response will be reported to a future WCLF meeting.

Stage 3 actions

12. Council to clarify whether Johnston Street is classified as a State, Regional or Local road. This is useful to know, as the road's classification will influence the degree to which it will be used by RMS to serve WestConnex.

Current situation: Johnston Street is a State Road. This heightens Council's existing concerns about WestConnex-related construction and operational traffic impacts on Johnston Street, the Crescent and other roads that immediately join these. Council's concerns are further heightened by the fact that these roads would serve a traffic desire line from the Inner West to the northern suburbs created by a future Western Harbour Tunnel.

13. Council to confirm whether a flyer will be distributed to residents which identifies key issues raised by the Stage 3 Concept Design and encourages residents to make a submission.

Current situation: Council staff to investigate and the response will be reported to a future WCLF meeting.

14. Council to consider assisting NRAW with a barbeque at Camperdown Park at the conclusion of the lantern parade planned for 22 July 2017.

Current situation: Council staff to investigate and the response will be reported back to NRAW and a future WCLF meeting.

15. DP&E to provide an update on the possibility of creating a truck marshalling area at White Bay.

Current situation: Council has forward this request to DP&E, and the response will be reported to a future WCLF meeting.

The meeting concluded at 12.35pm.

Next meeting: **Thursday 6 July 2017, 10:00am to 12:30pm**
Level 3 Leichhardt Service Centre
7-15 Wetherill Street, Leichhardt