

**Notes of WestConnex Community Liaison Forum (WCLF)  
held at Leichhardt Service Centre on Thursday 28 July 2016**

The meeting commenced at 10.00am.

<b>Attendees:</b>	Jennifer Aaron	
	Christine Allibone-White	Westprotects
	Richard Archer	No WestConnex
	John Bartholomew	WAG
	Vincent Crow	Haberfield Association
	Janet Dandy-Ward	WestConnex Action Group
	Nathan English	Bays Community Coalition / Eco Transit
	Peter Hehir	RAW
	John Hyde	SAP
	Rhea Liebmann	WestConnex Action Group
	LJ Loch	Westprotects
	Ruth Nelson	SAP
	Rochelle Porteous	RAW
	Adrienne Shilling	No WestConnex: Public Transport
	Alana West	No WestConnex: Public Transport
	Sarah Wood	Westprotects

<b>Other Attendees:</b>	Richard Pearson	Administrator
	Phil Sarin	Director Planning & Environment
	Rob Sherry	Department of Planning
	Helen Tola	Manager Customer Service & Corporate Planning, Leichhardt
	Ken Welsh	Transport Planner, Leichhardt

- 1. Welcome by Administrator**
- 2. Acknowledgement of Country**
- 3. Apologies:**

That apologies be accepted for the absence of Vanessa Chan, Sharon Laura and Cynthia Moore.

- 4. Update on WestConnex**

All groups present recorded their opposition to WestConnex project.

- 5. Items for consideration by (WCLF)**

**Item 1 Draft Terms of Reference - WestConnex Community Liaison Forum**

There was discussion regarding whether the WCLF should focus only on opposition to WestConnex or also on what improvements or mitigation might be sought to improve the outcomes for residents. Views were mixed, however the Administrator indicated that in his view the Forum needed to provide Council with construction and rollout issues of major concern in order that these could be taken up with the State Government.

**The Administrator determined** that WCLF members be invited to forward comments on the Draft Terms of Reference for WestConnex Community Liaison Forum to Council by COB on Friday 12 August 2016.

## **Item 2 WestConnex Council Resolutions 2016**

The Administrator discussed the status of a number of resolutions including seeking of legal advice, preparation of a cross LGA flyer, preparation of a banner for Rozelle Against WestConnex and preparation of a traffic study. There was a strong view expressed that Council should undertake further traffic modelling to inform the impacts of WestConnex on local streets.

**The Administrator determined** that WCLF members be invited to forward any questions on the WestConnex Council Resolutions 2016 to Council by COB on Friday 12 August 2016.

## **Item 3 WestConnex Compliance Officer - Roles & Responsibilities**

Robert Sherry, the new DPE WestConnex Compliance Officer outlined his role and responsibilities, specifically noting that his role is a key liaison role and to ensure that the works being undertaken are in accordance with the conditions of consent.

Some key points raised during the discussion included:

- Roberts's role specifically deals with post approval compliance.
- Residents are encouraged to lodge complaints with WestConnex via the 1800 660 248.
- The main areas of concerns at present (regarding to compliance) are:
  - Heritage
  - Noise Complaints (specifically out of hours) and respite periods
  - Out of hours works by utility providers along Parramatta Road
- A suggestion was raised to request that Council makes representations to ensure utility providers are stopped from undertaking works during times of respite.
- Members were encouraged to forward any complaints to Robert via email [compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au)
- A suggestion was raised that the dedicated webpage for WestConnex include the:
  - Names and contacts in Council and DPE
  - What to do (if residents have a complaint)
  - Listing of works applied for and approved along with Council's position

## **Item 4 Update on Council WestConnex Initiatives and** **Item 5 Current WestConnex Issues**

The Administrator outlined a number of actions which have been completed/progressed to date including:

- Commencement of Robert Sherry as a WestConnex Compliance Officer based at Inner West Council
- Preliminary legal advice having been reported to the 26 July 2016 Ordinary Council Meeting
- Council's commitment to fund a full time Community Organiser position
- Progress on establishment of the WestConnex Response Unit at Council
- Banners to be installed
- A flyer is being prepared for delivery across the Inner West Council LGA.

Summary of suggestions raised at the Forum for consideration by the Administration included:

- that a list of groups who are engaged on the SMC Urban Design Review Panel be reported to the WCLF.
- that collaborating with the City of Sydney on traffic modelling be considered by Council.
- report be prepared to the next meeting of the WestConnex Community Liaison Forum on the budget allocated for the new WestConnex Response Unit (including any consultancy budget).
- Council provides assistance to residents whose properties are proposed to be compulsorily acquired.
- approaches be made to the Sydney Motorway Corporation to hold public meetings regarding plans for Rozelle.
- consideration be given to enabling Council rooms to be made available for community groups to meet in regarding WestConnex.
- the Council's submission on the Commonwealth Audit Inquiry be placed on the Inner West Council WestConnex webpage.

**The meeting concluded at 12.15pm.**