

ANZAC PARK PRECINCT

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 6.30pm ON WEDNESDAY 28 MAY 2025

ATTENDEES: SMW, MW, MdS, EE, SB, JB (chair), GH, NC, SY, AY
APOLOGIES: AG, LD, JD, DD, TC, NF, SR, GT, SC

1. Western Harbour Tunnel / Warringah Freeway Issues:

• TFNSW Air Quality Community Consultative Committee (AQCCC) feedback:

SB reported on the meeting as he is one of our local residents on the Air Quality Committee.

SB reported that the AQ Committee had met on two occasions. The second meeting centred on the suggested locations for an Air Quality Monitor [AQM]. Under the EPA approval, any chosen site had to be available & remain unchanged for 10 years. Also the EPA required that Air Quality Monitoring is set up in both North and South locations of the works.

SB reported that, of 15 locations identified initially by TfNSW, 6 were dismissed, leaving 9 put forward by TfNSW; however, out of this number, 5 were felt to be inappropriate by SB, NC and the third local Resident from Plateau Precinct. Some had potential. It was felt that TfNSW favoured sites that had easy access to electricity and would therefore take less work and cost to set up. SB & other reps suggested alternative sites.

SB said that the AQM was about the size of a garden shed (with a surrounding wire fence). There should be no trees nearby that could interfere with air flow; as a result, parts of Anzac Park and St Leonards Park were ruled out (other parts still viable).

SB explained that TfNSW had completely underestimated the matter of wind airflow, which (depending on the time of day) varied considerably and in peak traffic hours it could have increased pollution in particular areas such as school locations.

Options include the homes on Bellevue St, Cammeray now owned by TfNSW. There are no trees around them and they are in a high position on the edge of the Freeway. NC said that the AQM structure needs to be so many metres away from the Exhaust Stack however, so perhaps this may not work.

MW asked SB whether there was to be any monitoring of the air quality that immediately issued from the Exhaust Stacks. SB replied not to his knowledge and agreed that the local Representatives should push hard for this information to be recorded and given to the public.

SB felt that the AQ meeting accepted residents' suggestions and criticisms, and hopefully would address these at the next AQCCC meeting which will take place in 2 weeks.

- **Concreted areas on TfNSW Cammeray Work Sites:**

MOTION: Can Council confirm that all negotiated & agreed concreted areas within TfNSW work areas will be restored to green space and all remedial work will be carried out and financed by TfNSW and not by NSC.

AGREED unanimously

ACTION: Council to confirm to Precinct

- **Anzac Park tree loss and drainage**

MW said that a mature Moreton Bay Fig tree had fallen in the north-eastern corner of Anzac Park, prior to the heavy rainfall and wind. MW felt that this was due to the long term water saturation of this area of Anzac Park, thus causing tree roots to become unstable and saturated. Works being carried out by TfNSW has caused problems in the area. This accumulation of water has been occurring for years in the area where the Works have been underway - an 11m pit has been dug, concrete laid, etc. TfNSW need to investigate the cause of the water buildup, and what remedial action will be taken and report back to Council as soon as possible, as it may undermine more trees and even homes nearby.

MOTION & ACTION: Precinct asks Council to liaise with Senior TfNSW Project Management as opposed to TfNSW Communications Management and to require TfNSW to investigate & remediate asap.

AGREED unanimously

- **Cammeray Voices/TfNSW Breach of Ministerial Approvals on the WHT & WFU SSSI Projects Meeting:**

Cammeray Voices has taken TfNSW to Senate Estimates twice for non-compliance with the Ministerial Directions & Approvals. The Minister has requested an independent Reviewer to investigate & report.

The Independent Reviewer ratified TfNSW actions without liaising with the Complainants. Cammeray Voices were invited to a Meeting and Precinct's Co-Chair (MdS), Plateau Precinct's Chair (SW), the Mayor, and Cr Antonini were in attendance. Two Meetings have been held and a third is soon to follow.

- **CPC Infrastructure Meeting Feedback**

The CPC Chair set up an Infrastructure Committee to look at unresolved matters and issues arising. In attendance were MdS & SMW from our Precinct, Plateau Precinct Chair (SW), Neutral Bay Precinct's GC & Bay Precinct's JB.

Two Meetings have been held and issues presented to TfNSW. More information Pending

MdS urged **attending residents to email** to whtbl@transport.nsw.gov.au any complaints regarding the Warringah Freeway Works, and to mark them clearly as a **complaint**. In this way a reference number is given and if no action is taken the complaint can be referred to the Community Complaints Mediator (CCM).

- **Removal of Noise Wall timeline:**

SMW said that residents in Cammeray Avenue were awaiting a visit and update by Shannon Aitken of TfNSW on Noise Wall work and on the closure/reopening of Cammeray Avenue.

2. Neutral Bay Master Plan developments

No further information to hand.

3. Crows Nest issues

- **West Street - address Traffic choke points**

JB reported no change in traffic issues and numerous buses were still travelling along West Street now. Photos have been taken.

4. Anzac Park Public School Road Safety issues

- NC has written to Cr Antonini re the danger of the Lytton Street/Ernest Street pedestrian crossing island. APPS P&C had requested a second crossing supervisor at the Miller Street & Ernest Street pedestrian island, however this was rejected because it is adjacent to traffic lights. TfNSW has said they will be in touch, to discuss further options, but nothing to date.
- A request for a mobile speed camera (simply to monitor speed, not fines) has not received a reply from TfNSW; NC will write to Tim James (MP for Willoughby).
- EE, resident in Ernest Street, raised the issue of the APPS alarm ringing on many occasions out of school hours. She has written to the school about this. MW gave EE the APPS Security telephone number which is the most effective way of getting the ringing school alarm turned off – though this may take up to an hour to be rectified as it is referred to Emergency Services. EE also complained about the school lights being left on at night – a matter for the school

- Residents from Cammeray Avenue (SY & AY) explained the difficulties they were having accessing their personal driveway at school pick-up & drop-off times, due to parents' cars blocking their driveway as well as stopping at the closed-off end of Cammeray Avenue. Also many drivers are illegally turning left from Rosalind Street/Anzac Avenue into Cammeray Avenue. Clearer signage is required at this point.

ACTION: Precinct asks Council to:

- (i) Meet with Representatives of this Precinct to discuss traffic management issues relating to the safety of traffic flows in Rosalind St East, Anzac Ave & Cammeray Ave.
- (ii) Arrange for Rangers to monitor traffic at school pick-up and school drop-off times [eg, @ 3–3.15pm; not earlier], to address this illegal turning and parking.
- (iii) Please review signage at the junction of Anzac Ave/Rosalind St East & Cammeray Ave.

5. Council SRV meeting & the Revised Draft Delivery Program 2025-29; Operational Plan 2025-26

Precinct urges Attendees to lodge a submission regarding the Draft Delivery Program & Operational Plan 2025. SB and others agreed to complete this survey.

MdS said it was important that Crows Nest Centre and Meals on Wheels and other aged-care services were not part of service/Council cutbacks.

6. CPC Feedback

Passed over.

7. Hybrid meetings:

It was AGREED by the meeting that hybrid meetings – ie, in-person Precinct meetings that are also carried on the Internet – would be popular particularly during the winter months and also as nearby parking is becoming more difficult. SMW will contact admin at NSC for advice and help in setting this up for future precinct meetings. The audibility of participating members was identified as a potential problem.

ACTION: Precinct requests Council to assist Hybrid Meetings in June going forward

8. Other issues

- Fat Bikes: NFA @ this stage
- The Statement of Actions [SOA]: Chair read out the Council feedback on the SOA.

9. Potential guest speakers

Suggestions were discussed. Next focus will be on the Council GM & Traffic Management Experts, and the Mgr, Council Rangers.

Meeting closed at 7.35pm.

Next Anzac Park Precinct Meeting to be held on 30 July 2025 at Ros Crichton Pavilion.