

**MINUTES OF MEETING – ROADS & MARINE SERVICES (RMS), NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL  
& RESIDENTS  
COUNCIL OFFICES – 16 FEB 2012**

**WARRINGAH FREEWAY NOISE WALLS**

**Present**

- Genia McCaffery - Mayor NS Council
- Aurelio Lindaya – Traffic Engineer NSC
- Jon Higlett - Acting Traffic Director NSC
- Joseph Fanous – Roads & Marine Services (RMS) – Sydney Environmental Manager and Manager NAP
- Kathy Bisits – Resident
- Graham Webster – Resident

**1 - NOISE ABATEMENT ACTION NOW BEING UNDERTAKEN BY RMS – 3 NOISE CATCHMENTS (NCA)**

Renzo Tonin Associates (Acoustics Consultants) prepared assessment of traffic noise from Warringah Freeway – report was dated 13 May 2011 – summary details are on Council website. This identifies 12 noise catchment areas (NCA) which are referred to below

Residents are pleased that noise abatement action by RMS (previously RTA) is now in progress in 3 NCAs which had the highest noise levels in Noise Report.

RMS is currently having discussions with residents of these 3 areas (NCA 1,4 & 5A as below) – concepts of action have been agreed with residents (and minuted) but **full agreement is still subject to feasibility and design and final agreement by all**

**NOISE CATCHMENT AREAS - NCA 1 – MERLIN ST NEUTRAL BAY**

RMS has met with residents and is agreeing action – likely outcome is RMS will construct a Noise Fence between Freeway and 5 townhouses numbered 8 to 10 Merlin St. Other properties in NCA1 with more than 2 occupied stories will NOT be treated under NAP (this is Policy of RMS under Noise Abatement Policy NAP)

**NCA 4 – WEST ST & TARELLA PLACE CAMMERAY**

RMS has met with residents and agreed concepts (minuted) - all subject to feasibility & design and final agreement – likely outcome in West St is additional height added to existing wall between Freeway and 3 townhouses 229, 231,233 West together with architectural treatment – architectural treatment to 235 & 237 West. In Tarella - Noise Wall at end of Tarella Place, additional height to existing separation wall along 8 Tarella

**NCA 5A SEXTON PLACE**

RMS has met with residents – subject to design, likely outcome is Noise Wall constructed along full length of Sexton and wall continuing out on RMS land to west of Sexton

**TIMING** – work above in all 3 NCA is budgeted and funded in 2012-13 year

Residents thank RMS for meetings and for noise abatement suggestions and discussions

**2 - POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION ON OTHER 9 NOISE CATCHMENT AREAS FOLLOWING NOISE REPORT**

These were discussed on the basis of “**no commitment**” as all NCA areas are subject to detailed feasibility and design, full agreement with all affected residents and subject to future funding of RMS NAP from Government Also subject to noise levels achieving required high priority under NAP

**TIMING** – there is no commitment on timing as all are subject to future funding. Residents are hopeful that noise abatement for all NCAs can be completed in the next 5 years. Approval is still awaited from RMS Head Office for all residences currently listed on NAP to be advised of possible action and timing

**NCA 2 – MERLIN ST NEUTRAL BAY – BETWEEN MILITARY RD & ERNEST STREETS**

No action – properties near Freeway in Ernest already have noise walls

**NCA 3 – MORDEN & BELLEVUE STREETS**

Likely Noise Wall will be erected between affected residences and Freeway – with architectural treatment. Due to lower noise levels timing will be some years into future

**NCA 5B & 6 – JENKINS, ARMSTRONG, MASSEY, PALMER STREETS**

Likely noise walls will be erected at end of Jenkins and Masseys Streets – but no other action

Objection was made (on behalf of affected residents) to existing noise assessment in the Renzo Noise Report (**objection – see Attachment A below**). This will be reviewed and reassessed by RMS after NAP work plan is finalised for 2012-13 year – likely in July/Aug 2012 – affected residents need to get involved and write to RMS

**NCA 7 – DONNELLY ST (off Brook) MERRENBURN, BROOK ST**

No action currently proposed – in July, RMS will check that existing privately funded & constructed noise wall fully comply with past DA terms and will review possible action – affected residents need to get involved and write to RMS

**NCA 8 – BETWEEN ERNEST & FALCON STREETS – west side of Freeway**

No action proposed – noise walls regarded as not feasible or effective

**NCA 9 – ROSALIND ST – east side of Freeway**

No action proposed. Objection was made (on behalf of affected residents) to existing noise assessment in the Renzo Noise Report (**objection - see Attachment B below**). This will be reviewed and reassessed by RMS after work is finalised for 2012-13 year – likely in July/Aug 2012 – affected residents need to get involved and write to RMS

**NCA 10 – METCALFE & EDWIN STREETS**

Likely action will be a noise wall from West St to Edwin St only - in future years

**NCA 11 – CHANDOS ST, MATTHEWS ST, JENKINS LANE, MATTHEWS LANE**

Likely action will be noise wall – but very much subject to feasibility as this is a very difficult location with limited access – will be some years in future

**NCA 12 – BROOK ST**

Will be assessed in future in conjunction with construction of part of future cycleway – some years in future

**3 - SPECIAL CASE FOR FUNDING OF NOISE ABATEMENT ON WARRINGAH FREEWAY**

Whilst residents are pleased that action has started and funding for NAP has been increased, Council and residents believe that the ‘Special Case’ should still be pursued so all affected properties along Warringah Freeway can promptly receive appropriate noise abatement.

RMS advised that noise abatement along Warringah Freeway will only be carried out under NAP as above – Special Case will not be agreed to due to the precedent that will create – every location will want to be a ‘Special Case’

**4 - FUNDING FOR NOISE ABATEMENT PROGRAM**

Funding allocation of \$150,000 as announced by Gladys Berejiklian MP in media release date Oct 2011 has been received and used.

NAP funding for 2012-13 year has been increased from \$3m to \$15m (Note -This is funding for whole of NSW involving hundreds of noise affected locations)

Funding for NAP in future years is subject to budget funds and therefore not certain. Council will write to Minister for Roads & Ports seeking clarification on funding for NAP for next 5 years

**5 - OTHER NOISE AFFECTED LOCATIONS ALONG WARRINGAH FREEWAY – including area south of Military Rd & Falcon St and suburbs of North Sydney & Kirribilli**

Affected residents should register on NAP and write to Minister for Roads

RMS NAP will not treat multi-storey blocks higher than 2 occupied levels – this is NAP policy

#### **6 - RENZO TONIN & ASSOCIATES – NOISE REPORT – May 2011**

Residents have highlighted 2 NCAs in which they believe noise assessment and recommendations are not correct

- NCA 5B & 6 – Jenkins, Armstrong, Massey Sts
- NCA 9 – Rosalind St East

The problem and cases for reassessment are attached. Affected residents should get involved and write to RMS and Minister for Roads

#### **7- MILLER STREET ON RAMP & BUS LAYOVER**

Bus Layover near Miller St was constructed in 2010 and 2011 – commenced operation in Aug/Sept 2011

New access ramp was located closer to residences and surface is concrete which is noisier

As previously advised by RMS, noise monitoring was carried out after 6 months of operation – awaiting results

Residents advised to contact the RMS project group which carried out the construction

#### **8 - LOW NOISE BITUMEN SURFACE**

Many Freeways such as M2 are now paved with low noise road surfaces which is noticeable quieter

Residents request that RMS use such low noise surface when parts or all of Freeway is resurfaced

Council will write to Minister requesting such surfacing

#### **9 - TRUCK ENGINE BRAKES (EXHAUST BRAKES)**

Residents have requested signs on Freeway advising truck drivers not to use engine brakes due to noise – such signs are seen on approaches to many towns in NSW

RMS advises – current legislation does not make use of engine brakes unlawful – long term impact of signs is negligible (noted from impact of such signs in other location) Council will write to Minister re legislation

#### **10 - WHAT ACTION CAN RESIDENTS TAKE**

Ensure that your property is registered on NAP and you must have a letter confirming actual registration

Encourage all neighbours in your street/area to register on NAP

## ATTACHMENT A

### WARRINGAH FREEWAY NOISE ABATEMENT PROBLEM WITH RENZO TONIN NOISE ASSESSMENT REPORT NOISE CATCHMENT AREAS (NCA) 5B & 6 – NOISE WALL REQUIREMENTS

**BROOK ST TO WEST STREET CAMMERAY – ENTRY /EXIT RAMP - NORTHERN FREEWAY BOUNDARY  
NOISE AFFECTED PROPERTIES ARE IN – JENKINS ST, ARMSTRONG ST, MASSEY ST, PALMER ST**

#### PROBLEM

- Warringah Freeway Noise Report from Renzo Tonin (13 May 2011) does not include any proposed Noise Walls along the south-western boundaries of NCAs 5b and 6 between Brook and West Streets – these are noted as “Existing Boundary Fence” and are mostly old standard paling or chain mesh fences with no noise reduction qualities
- Residents in these areas are subject to noise levels greater than NAP thresholds levels and some residents are registered on NAP
- Residents would benefit substantially from Noise Walls in these area
- Noise Walls would be effective and construction is possible along this area

**Details concerning these boundary areas are -**

DRAWINGS Renzo Tonin – Warringah Freeway Cammeray

- Ref - TF 097-01 P02 (rev 4) 09/05/11

#### Existing walls shown as

- yellow line – south-west of NCA 5b & NCA6 – a total length of approx 400 meters – Existing Boundary Fences – no noise wall proposed – noise walls would be effective
- Includes 2 small areas shown as “Proposed noise walls NOT feasible” – THIS IS NOT CORRECT

#### Actual existing fences and walls existing from inspection between Brook St and West St are -

- 120 M - 1.7m high basic domestic paling or metal fencing
- 60 M – 2m high noise wall
- 30 M – 1.8 m Chain mesh fence – this is the end of Jenkins St – resident are listed on NAP
- 50 M – 2-3m high noise wall
- 35 M – 1.8 m domestic block wall
- 30 M – 1.8 m chain mesh fence – this is end of Massey St – residents are listed on NAP
- 60 M – domestic paling/ brush fence – residents are listed on NAP
- 20 M – no fence – this is end of Palmer St
- **TOTAL – 400M ----- 110M of noise walls and 290 M without noise walls**

These areas were previously shown as Existing Noise Walls on previous versions of RT report and were amended on objection but are still not correctly reported or assessed

**We ask that this area be re-evaluated and noise walls be included along the 290M currently without noise walls – these should be able to be built and should benefit residents significantly  
Noise affected Properties are in – Jenkins St, Armstrong St, Massey St, Palmer St**

Graham Webster ---- 6 Nov 2011 – 12 Feb, 2012

## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **WARRINGAH FREEWAY NOISE ABATEMENT PROBLEM WITH RENZO TONIN NOISE ASSESSMENT REPORT NOISE CATCHMENT AREA (NCA) 9 – NOISE WALL REQUIREMENT**

#### **ROSALIND STREET CAMMERAY (EAST OF MILLER)**

#### **PROBLEM**

- Freeway Noise Report from Renzo Tonin (13 May 2011) does not include any proposed Noise Walls along the northern boundary of NCA9 – Rosalind Street – east of Miller- this area is noted as “Proposed Noise Wall NOT feasible” – **(THIS IS QUESTIONED)**
- Residents in these areas are subject to noise levels greater than NAP thresholds levels
- Residents would benefit substantially from Noise Walls in these area
- Noise Walls would be effective and construction is possible along this area

#### **DRAWING DETAILS**

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#### **PROPERTIES AFFECTED BY FREEWAY NOISE & NOISE LEVELS**

81 ROSALIND STREET CAMMERAY – Corner of Anzac Avenue – 3 storey units

Noise readings above NAP threshold on Ground and 1st floor 69dB day/63dB at night

79 ROSALIND – 2 storeys at front

Noise levels 66/60dB - above NAP

77 ROSALIND – 2 Storey at front

Noise level close to NAP threshold

73-75 ROSALIND – 2 storey over excavated garages – 2 storey only above street level

Noise levels 67/61- above NAP

**We ask that this area be re-evaluated and noise walls be included along the boundary of Rosalind Street and Warringah Freeway from Miller Street to the existing noise wall in Cammeray Avenue**

Kathy Bisits    Graham Webster    10 Feb 2012