

MINUTES OF MEETING – ROADS & MARITIME SERVICES (RMS) & RESIDENTS AT SEXTON PLACE CAMMERAY – 19 OCT 2012

WARRINGAH FREEWAY NOISE WALLS

PRESENT

- Joseph Fanous – Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) – Sydney Environmental Manager and Manager NAP
- David Haines - Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) - NAP Administrator
- Kathy Bisits – Resident
- Graham Webster – Resident

PURPOSE OF MEETING – to update actions now being undertaken and planned by RMS on noise abatement and noise walls along the Warringah Freeway

RESIDENTS THANKED RMS – for past action and discussions with residents and for attending this meeting and the opportunity to discuss status and proposed actions

BASIS OF DISCUSSION was –

- 12 Noise Catchments Areas (NCA) identified by Renzo Tonin Associates (Acoustics Consultants) in their assessment of impact of traffic noise from Warringah Freeway and Report dated 13 May 2011 – summary of Report can be viewed at www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au – under Major Projects – WF Noise Walls
- Previous NOISE WALL Update 4 to residents dated 16 March 2012 – also on Council website

NOTE CONDITIONS OF DISCUSSIONS – All indicative actions and timing detailed below are conditional on (1) feasibility and design of construction of noise walls, (2) ongoing funding by NSW Government & RMS and (3) final agreement by all residents in each NCA

NCA 1 (NOISE CATCHMENT AREAS 1) – MERLIN ST NEUTRAL BAY

RMS has met with residents – likely outcome is RMS will construct a Noise Fence between Freeway and 5 townhouses numbered 8 to 10 Merlin St. This is still subject to negotiation and agreement.

Other properties in NCA1 are taller than 2 occupied stories and will NOT be treated under NAP (this is published Policy of RMS under Noise Abatement Policy NAP)

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

NO ACTION – properties near Freeway in Ernest St already have noise walls

NCA 3 – MORDEN & BELLEVUE STREETS

Noise Wall will likely be erected between affected residences and Freeway.

Cycleway construction in future is likely in this area – Noise Wall discussions are on hold until location of possible cycleway is confirmed. Clarification on cycleway location is currently being sought by both RMS and residents

NCA 4 – WEST STREET & TARELLA PLACE CAMMERAY

WEST ST - 3 townhouses at 229, 231 & 233 West St will have height of existing wall along Freeway increased to 3 meters and receive architectural treatment

235 & 237 West St. will receive only architectural treatment

TARELLA PLACE - Noise Wall 3.5 meters high and 40 meters long will be constructed along the end of Tarella Place and height of the existing block wall along boundary of 8 Tarella will be increased to 3 meters

TIMING - WEST & TARELLA - Designs finalised – subject to conditions stated above, construction is expected to start in Feb 2013 and completed before end June 2013

NCA 5A SEXTON PLACE

Noise Wall 4 meters high will be constructed along full length of Sexton Place from West Street and extending 16 meters west of the western boundary of 204 Sexton Place.

TIMING - Designs almost finalised – subject to conditions stated above, construction is expected to start in Feb 2013 and be completed before end June 2013

NCA 5B – JENKINS & ARMSTRONG STREETS

Noise Wall approx. 2 meters high and approx. 30 meters long will be constructed along the Freeway on ramp at the intersection of Jenkins & Armstrong

LIKELY TIMING – indicative - construction in 2013/14 year

NCA 6 – MASSEY & PALMER STREETS

MASSEY ST - Noise Wall approx. 3 meters high and approx. 30 meters long will be constructed along Freeway on ramp at end of Massey and also be extended to the west of Massey St for approx. 10 meters (based on barrier analysis and noise criteria)

LIKELY TIMING – indicative – construction in 2013/14

PALMER STREET – NO NOISE WALLS will be constructed as traffic noise is deemed to be from Brook St which is a regional road and therefore Council responsibility

NCA 7 – DONNELLY ST (off Brook) MERRENBURN,

Noise is now measured as below criteria for noise abatement – NO PROPOSED ACTION

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

Noise levels experienced by properties at 73-75, 77 and 79, will be reviewed by noise measurement by RMS

NCA 10 – METCALFE & EDWIN STREETS

Likely action will be a noise wall constructed from West St to east side of Edwin St only

TIMING – design in 2013/14 year – construction in 2014/15 year

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

CHANDOS ST, MATTHEWS LANE – feasibility study to be undertaken on construction of noise walls along this very difficult location

TIMING - **no timeframe as yet**

MATTHEWS ST, JENKINS LANE – likely noise walls will be constructed between Freeway runoff and these properties – as far as the intersection with Brook St

TIMING - **no timeframe as yet**

NCA 12 – BROOK ST

Not feasible to construct noise walls on Freeway overpass bridge over Brook St

Most noise is from traffic on Brook St which is a regional road and Council responsibility – NO ACTION PROPOSED

FUNDING FOR NOISE ABATEMENT PROGRAM

Funding allocation of \$150,000 was announced by Gladys Berejiklian MP in media release Oct 2011 for Traffic Noise Study along Warringah Freeway – these funds has been received and used.

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

It is understood that annual funding of \$15M pa will continue for many future years – this funding is currently being spent on – Architectural treatment approx. \$10m pa and approx.\$5m pa of Noise Walls

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 published policy

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 also register on NAP

Residents again thanked RMS for their attendance, information and discussion

Minuted by Graham Webster – 25 Oct 2012