

**MINUTES OF MEETING – NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL & RESIDENTS
COUNCIL OFFICES – 31 JAN 2013**

WARRINGAH FREEWAY NOISE WALLS

Present

- Jilly Gibson - Mayor NS Council
- Aurelio Lindaya – Traffic Engineer NSC
- Kathy Bisits – Resident
- Graham Webster – Resident

PURPOSE – First meeting of residents with Mayor Jilly Gibson since election re WF Noise Abatement – to discuss background, status update, support, residents hopes & actions

1. BACKGROUND

Meeting discussed actions and progress since Council hosted a Public Meeting of 200 residents and RTA (now RMS Roads & Maritime Services) in Sept 2010; discussed Warringah Freeway traffic noise issues, actions to date by RMS and current status on Noise Abatement. Noted that residents had been writing to DMR/ RTA/ RMS for 20 years.

2. COUNCIL SUPPORT & WEBSITE

Residents thanked Council for all their support over the past years with

- Meetings and correspondence with RMS, elected representatives and consultants
- Council's website (www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au – Major Projects – WF Noise Walls) enabling residents to view documents, minutes of meeting etc

Mayor Gibson confirmed continued Council support for resident action to achieve noise abatement along Warringah Freeway and agreed to include details of WF Noise Abatement in future Council publication "North Sydney News" as soon as tangible action can be seen and photographed for inclusion.

3. UPDATE OF STATUS RE RMS ACTION

In 2011, consultants for RMS identified 12 Noise Catchment Areas (NCA) in their report and detailed current traffic noise levels and suggested noise abatement actions for each Noise Abatement action is proposed for 9 NCAs over the next several years - this is detailed in meeting Minutes dated 19 Oct 2012 on Council website

Sexton Place Cammeray (with one of the highest noise levels) will be first NCA treated by erection of a noise wall along the street with construction scheduled to commence in April 2013. Action for West St and Tarella Place is scheduled to commence shortly after that.

4. RMS FUNDING

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) It is expected that this level of funding will continue in future.

5. MORDEN & BELLEVUE STREETS & BUS LAYOVER

Proposed noise walls in Morden & Bellevue St areas along side the bus layover have been delayed until the route of Cycleway link between Naremburn and Golf course is determined by RMS. Residents have been advised by RMS that future of cycleway will be decided by June this year. Council undertook to follow this up with RMS ungently to enable noise abatement to be determined and scheduled.

6. 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 Noise Abatement (NAP) with RMS and write to Minister for Roads & Ports

It is RMS NAP policy not to treat multi-storey blocks for noise if higher than 2 occupied levels.

7. 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

8. RESIDENT PARKING DURING CONSTRUCTION

Discussed separately with Traffic Engineer following the meeting

Residents again thanked Mayor and Council for this meeting & discussion and for past support and also for assurance of support for residents in the future