

WARRINGAH FREEWAY NOISE WALL ACTION GROUP UPDATE 6 – 2 Nov 2013

It is now 3 years since our Public Meeting on 14th September 2010 with Council, RMS and our State Member

PROGRESS & ACTION SINCE LAST UPDATE #5 dated 28 Oct 2012

- Noise Walls have been constructed in Tarella Place and Sexton Place Cammeray which have significantly reduced freeway traffic noise levels in these streets. Residents are very pleased with the noise walls and sincerely thank RMS for their action. Residents can now view these walls as examples.
- An indicative timetable has been advised by RMS (below) for the construction of a further 5 sections of noise walls along the Freeway with a further 3 areas still to be evaluated further.

FUTURE NOISE ABATEMENT ACTION BY RMS

RMS has indicated likely timing for the next 5 sections of Noise Walls during the next 2-3 years

NOTE - All indicative actions and timing are conditional on (1) feasibility & design for 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 – refer Council website for details) – MERLIN ST NEUTRAL BAY

RMS will construct a Noise Wall between the Freeway and 5 townhouses numbered 8 to 10 Merlin St.

Construction of this wall should start this financial year and should be finished by July 2013.

Note - Other properties in NCA1 are taller than 2 occupied stories and will NOT be treated under NAP (RMS policy)

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

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.

RMS advises - Noise Wall will then likely be erected between affected residences and Freeway. It needs to be understood that currently only Bellevue St qualifies under the NAP. Currently the proposed noise wall may not extend to Morden Street. (Residents are expected to challenge this)

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. Properties at 235 & 237 West St. will receive only architectural treatment

The West street noise wall will start this financial year and should be finalised by July 2014.

TARELLA PLACE CAMMERAY

Tarella Place noise wall has been completed

NCA 5A SEXTON PLACE

Sexton Place noise wall has been completed

NCA 5B – JENKINS & ARMSTRONG STREETS

It is proposed to fill in the gap along the Freeway at the corner of Jenkins and Armstrong Streets – with noise wall approx. 50 metre long and approx. 2 meters high.

RMS advises - this is proposed to be constructed during the next financial year - 2014-15 year.

NCA 6 – MASSEY & PALMER STREETS

MASSEY ST – It is proposed to construct a noise wall along the Freeway on ramp at the end of Massey St and extended to the west for approx. 10 meters. **The wall will be approximate 50 meters long and 3 meters high and is proposed to be constructed next financial year - 2014-15.**

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 measurements indicate levels are 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

RMS advises - noise wall for Metcalfe is proposed for construction in financial year 2015-16.

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

CHANDOS ST, MATTHEWS LANE – **No timeframe as yet. RMS is investigating if it is feasible and reasonable to build a noise barrier in this very difficult location. A feasibility assessment is currently being carried out by RMS.**

MATTHEWS ST, JENKINS LANE – noise walls may possibility be constructed between Freeway runoff and these properties – as far as the intersection with Brook St subject to feasibility analysis - **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

WHAT ACTION CAN RESIDENTS TAKE?

IF YOUR AREA & NCA IS LISTED FOR ACTION

- Agree on resident representatives for your area and residents agree on their requirements and then maintain regular contact with RMS NAP officers to ensure plans are progressed

IF YOUR AREA IS NOT LISTED FOR ACTION

- Ensure every noise affected property in your area is registered on NAP – ensure each receives a RMS letter confirming registration
- Make representations to RMS individually and collectively to promote your case for noise abatement under NAP

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 & Ports - The Hon Duncan Gay MLC

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

CONTACTS & INFORMATION

- North Sydney Council website www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au (Projects – Other projects – WF Noise walls) for details of action and meetings with RMS and Council (with Minutes) over the last 3+ years of our campaign
- Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) tel 131782 Mr Joseph Fanous or website www.rms.nsw.gov.au . (Environment – Noise – NAP) Even if you do not technically qualify, RMS will record your details and this should result in advice to you of noise abatement proposals for your street.

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