

## **WARRINGAH FREEWAY NOISE WALL ACTION GROUP UPDATE 7 – 17 April 2014**

It is now well over 3 years since our Public Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2010 with Council, RMS and our State Member

### **PROGRESS SINCE LAST UPDATE #6 dated 2 Nov 2013**

- Noise Walls have recently been completed for West St Cammeray and Merlin St Neutral Bay. Noise walls for Tarella Place and Sexton Place Cammeray were completed previously. **In total 4 sections of noise walls have been completed.** Noise walls have significantly reduced freeway traffic noise levels.
- An indicative timetable as detailed below has been advised by Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) for the construction of a further 3 sections of noise walls along the Freeway at Massey St, Jenkins/Armstrong Sts, Metcalfe/Edwin Streets
- A further 3 areas are still to be evaluated by RMS – detailed below

**NOTE - All indicative actions and timing by RMS 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**

**NOISE CATCHMENT AREAS** referred to below are detailed in Council website – see website details below

#### **NCA 1 – MERLIN ST NEUTRAL BAY**

Noise wall has been completed

#### **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.

RMS proposes to engage a consultant to review proposed bicycle path to determine if a noise barrier can be built prior to proposed bike path

The proposed noise wall may not extend to Morden Street. (Residents are expected to challenge this)

NOTE – as of April 2014, location of proposed cycleway link from Naremburn to North Sydney is under review and planning by N S Council and RMS – refer draft Nth Sydney Integrated Cycling Strategy - on Council website

#### **NCA 4 – WEST STREET & TARELLA PLACE CAMMERAY**

**WEST ST CAMMERAY** - Noise wall has been completed

In addition properties at 235 & 237 West St. should receive architectural treatment

**TARELLA PLACE CAMMERAY** - Noise wall has been completed

#### **NCA 5A 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 – noise wall approx. 50 metre long and 2 meters high.

RMS proposes to start construction in financial year 2014-15.

#### **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 Street. The wall will be approximate 50 meters long and 3 meters high

RMS proposes to start construction in financial year 2014-15.

**PALMER STREET** – NO ACTION - traffic noise is deemed from Brook St (a regional road ) which is Council responsibility

**NCA 7 – DONNELLY ST (off Brook) & MERRENBURN ST**

NO PROPOSED ACTION - Noise measurements indicate levels are below criteria for noise abatement

**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 at 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 has advised residents that proposed action has been delayed by one year and RMS now proposes to start construction in financial year 2016-17.

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

No timeframe as yet. RMS has engaged a consultant to evaluate information and provide advice on possible feasible and reasonable noise treatment options

**NCA 12 – BROOK ST**

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

**WHAT ACTION CAN RESIDENTS TAKE?****IF YOUR AREA & NCA IS LISTED FOR ACTION**

- Suggest residents agree on their requirements and then agree on resident representatives for their area and 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 RMS NAP – ensure each resident receives a RMS letter confirming detailed 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

**INFORMATION & CONTACTS**

- North Sydney Council website [www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au](http://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](http://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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