

WARRINGAH FREEWAY NOISE WALL ACTION GROUP UPDATE 8 – August 2015

It is 5 years since our Public Meeting on 14th September 2010 with Council, RMS and our State Member

PROGRESS TO DATE

- **Four sections of Noise Walls have been completed by Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) - Merlin St Neutral Bay, Sexton Place Cammeray, Tarella Place Cammeray and West St Cammeray.**
Noise walls have significantly reduced freeway traffic noise levels.
- Design or evaluation is underway by RMS for a further 3 sections of noise walls along the Warringah Freeway at Massey St, Jenkins St and 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 (NCA) referred to below are detailed in Council website – 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

RMS plan to engaged a consultant to review proposed noise wall location and advise on feasibility and any construction issues.

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

NCA 4 – WEST ST CAMMERAY - Noise wall has been completed - 237 West St. has been well treated to reduce noise

TARELLA PLACE CAMMERAY - Noise wall has been completed

NCA 5A SEXTON PLACE - Noise wall has been completed

NCA 5B – JENKINS & ARMSTRONG STREETS

Propose to fill in the fence gap along the Freeway at the corner of Jenkins and Armstrong Streets – noise wall approx. 40 meters long and 2 meters high.

Wall design has been completed – expect to consult residents in Sept 2015 – subject to agreement, construction planned for Feb 2016

NCA 6 – MASSEY ST – Propose to construct a noise wall along the Freeway on-ramp at the end of Massey Street. Nise wall approximate 50 meters long and 3 meters high

Wall design has been completed – expect to consult residents in Sept 2015 – subject to agreement, construction planned for March 2016

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 RMS

NCA 10 – METCALFE & EDWIN STREETS

Proposed action is a noise wall from West St to east side of Edwin St only

RMS has already met on site with residents

Wall design is expected to be completed by Dec 2015 – construction is expected to start early in the 2016-17 year – possibly earlier

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

RMS has engaged a consultant to evaluate information and provide advice on feasibility and reasonable noise treatment options.

Indicative timing is 2020-21 year subject to funding.

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 (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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