

WARRINGAH FREEWAY NOISE WALL ACTION GROUP UPDATE 9 – Nov 2016

It is 6 years since our Public Meeting on 14th September 2010 with North Sydney Council, RMS and our State Member

PROGRESS TO DATE

- **Five sections of Noise Walls have been completed by Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) - Merlin St Neutral Bay, and 4 streets in Cammeray - Sexton Place, Tarella Place, West St and Massey St Cammeray**
Noise walls have significantly reduced the impact of freeway traffic noise levels; most residents are very pleased with results and thank RMS for their action
Full details of these noise walls are detailed in previous updates to residents
- Two more sections of noise wall are now progressing – with design or consultation - Jenkins/Armstrong Streets Cammeray and Metcalfe/Edwin Streets Cammeray – details below
- A further 2 areas are still to be evaluated by RMS – Chandos St & Morden/Bellevue Sts - 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

NOISE CATCHMENT AREA - NCA 3 – MORDEN & BELLEVUE STREETS

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

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

NCA 5B – JENKINS & ARMSTRONG STREETS

RMS propose to construct a noise wall to fill in the fence gap along the Freeway at the corner of Jenkins and Armstrong Streets – noise wall 35 meters long and approx. 2 meters high. RMS has met with residents on site and also conducted an information drop in session for residents

Residents are NOT agreeable at this stage and are seeking a higher longer wall. Discussions are continuing.

NCA 10 – METCALFE & EDWIN STREETS

RMS proposed to construct a noise wall along the Freeway from West St to east side of Edwin St - 4.5meters high

RMS met on site with residents and agreed the proposal – wall design has been completed

Construction should start in early 2017

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

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

Indicative timing is 2020-21 year subject to funding.

WHAT ACTION CAN RESIDENTS TAKE?

IF YOUR AREA & NCA IS LISTED FOR ACTION

- Ensure every noise affected property in your area is registered on RMS Noise Abatement Program (NAP) – ensure each resident receives a letter from RMS confirming detailed registration
- 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 NAP with RMS – ensure each resident receives a letter from RMS 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 RMS NAP published policy

INFORMATION & CONTACTS

- North Sydney Council website www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au (**Projects – State Govt Projects – Warringah Freeway Noise walls**) for details of action and meetings with RMS and Council (with Minutes) over the last 6+ 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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