

WARRINGAH FREEWAY NOISE WALL ACTION GROUP UPDATE 11 – Dec 2018

It is over 8 years since our Public Meeting on 14th September 2010 with North Sydney Council, RMS and our State Member

PROGRESS TO DATE

- **Six sections of Noise Walls have been completed by Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) - Merlin St Neutral Bay (built in 2012), and 5 streets in Cammeray - Sexton Place (built in 2013), Tarella Place (2013), West St (2014), Massey St (2016), & Metcalfe St Cammeray (2017)**
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
- Two more sections of noise wall are now progressing – with design or consultation in process - Jenkins/ Armstrong Streets Cammeray and Chandos St Crows Nest – details below
- A further area is still to be evaluated by RMS – 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, CAMMERAY

RMS engaged a consultant to review proposed noise wall location and to advise on feasibility and construction issues. Residents in Morden St were notified that noise walls are proposed in 2019/20. However this project has now been deferred until details of the Western Harbour Tunnel & Beaches Link project are finalised and released.

NCA 5B – JENKINS & ARMSTRONG STREETS, CAMMERAY

For the past few years, RMS has engaged with residents about possible noise mitigations options. Agreement has NOT yet been achieved.

A community feedback session was held on 22 November 2018 at which possible Noise Abatement options were displayed and discussed including –

- Possible noise wall from Massey St to Armstrong/Jenkins Streets (possible completion around 2021)
- Possible noise wall in Amherst St behind houses in Jenkins St (possible completion around 2020)
- At-property treatment for properties that still exceed NAP criteria

submissions from stakeholders close 14 December.

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

Over the past 4 months RMS has engaged with residents. After consultation, RMS propose a 4.5meter high, 180 meter long noise wall along the Freeway from Jenkins Lane to St Thomas Rest Park AND a 3 meter high, 17 meters noise wall near Brook Lane – details are on RMS website or can be supplied

A community feedback session was held on 29 November 2018 – submissions close 14 December.

If approved, construction could start mid 2019

WHAT ACTION CAN RESIDENTS TAKE?

IF YOUR AREA & NCA IS LISTED FOR POTENTIAL FUTURE 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

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 7+ 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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