

## **WARRINGAH FREEWAY NOISE WALL ACTION GROUP UPDATE 12 – Dec 2019**

It is over 9 years since our Public Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2010 with North Sydney Council, our then Mayor Genia McCaffrey, our State Member Gladys Berejiklian, and Roads & Maritime Services (RMS).

Roads & Maritime Services has now been renamed as **Transport for NSW (TfNSW)**

### **PROGRESS TO DATE**

- **Six sections of Noise Walls have been completed by Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) now Transport for NSW (TfNSW) - 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 TfNSW for their action
- **Chandos St Crows Nest** – noise wall now under construction
- **Jenkins/ Armstrong Street** – discussions continue between TfNSW and residents
- **Morden/Bellevue Streets** – this area is still to be evaluated by TfNSW – now delayed due to possible other work in the area for Western Harbour Tunnel & Beaches Link

**NOTE - All indicative actions and timing by TfNSW are conditional on (1) feasibility & design for construction of noise walls, (2) ongoing funding by NSW Government & TfNSW 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**

TfNSW 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 several years, TfNSW has engaged with residents about possible noise mitigations options including -

- Possible noise wall from Massey St to corner of Armstrong & Jenkins Streets - residents have NOT agreed to this wall and seek alternatives solutions. Previous proposal for an infill noise wall at the corner of Armstrong and Jenkins St was not supported by residents and alternative solutions were requested. TfNSW is currently investigating a possible noise wall from Massey St to the corner of Armstrong and Jenkins Sts
- Possible noise wall in Amherst St run off behind houses in Jenkins St
- At-property treatment for properties that still exceed NAP noise criteria

TfNSW propose a noise wall along Amherst St traffic run off to be built behind Jenkins St properties – 70M long and 5M high – and have sought community feedback.

Several owners/residents in Sexton and West Streets object to the sheer magnitude of the proposed wall – height and length are excessive (an “overkill”) for the noise involved – the wall itself is not objected to - just the height and length - discussions continue

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

After extensive consultation, TfNSW proposed 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 long noise wall near Brook Lane – details on TfNSW website

Residents have agreed and construction commenced in November 2019 and is expected to take 10 months

### **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 TfNSW Noise Abatement Program (NAP) – ensure each resident receives a letter from TfNSW confirming detailed property registration
- Suggest residents agree on their requirements and then agree on resident representatives for their area and maintain regular contact with TfNSW 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 TfNSW – ensure each resident receives a letter from TfNSW confirming detailed registration
- Make representations to TfNSW individually and collectively to promote your case for noise abatement under NAP

**INFORMATION & CONTACTS**

- North Sydney Council website [www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au](http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au) (**Business & Projects – Govt Projects – Warringah Freeway Noise walls**) for details of action and meetings with RMS & TfNSW and Council (with Minutes) over the last 9+ years of our campaign
- Transport for NSW – TfNSW - tel 131782 Mr Joseph Fanous or website [www.rms.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au) (**/Roads/Environment /reducing noise /noise abatement program**) Even if you do not technically qualify, TfNSW will record your details and this should result in advice to you of noise abatement proposals for your street.

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