

# **WARRINGAH FREEWAY NOISE WALLS AND BUS LAYOVER UPDATE 2 - 10 Feb 2011**

This is the second update since the Public Meeting with the Mayor and the RTA on 14 September 2010.

## **Progress and actions since update 1**

- **RTA is taking the request for the Warringah freeway as a 'special case' seriously.** The RTA "has engaged a consultant to assess the potential noise impact from the Warringah Freeway. The noise assessment will evaluate the noise levels and the noise treatment measures (where required) to mitigate the noise levels that are above the criteria." The CEO of RTA advised in replies to residents that "the request for the Warringah freeway to be a 'special case' will be reviewed once the noise assessment is complete". Report by consultant is expected in Feb 2011.
- **COUNCIL MEETING WITH RTA & RESIDENTS ON 16 DEC 2010** - Council (Genia McCaffery, Mayor & officers) met with RTA (Peter Crosby, Sydney Regional Manager and key officers) and 2 residents to follow up issues raised at the meeting - in particular treating the Warringah Freeway as a 'special case' for noise walls. See **PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**, background and update information - [www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au](http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au) - Council - Major Projects - Warringah Freeway Noise Walls - Bus Layover.
- **PETITION** - Copies have been submitted to Council, both State MPs, Minister for Roads, CEO RTA.
- **MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT** - Gladys Berejikian MP has raised questions in State Parliament about Warringah Freeway noise several times and continues to lobby the Minister for Roads and State Government for noise abatement action on our behalf.
- **BUS LAYOVER** - Council wrote to the head of the RTA requesting that noise barrier fencing be provided at the Morden Street end of the golf course instead of the proposed wire fence.

Whilst action is slow, some progress has been achieved. **Ultimate success will depend heavily on the number of properties registered with RTA under the NAP and on continuing letters of complaint from residents about Freeway noise.**

- **REGISTER FOR THE NOISE ABATEMENT PROGRAM (NAP) REGISTRATION** - if you have owned your property for 7 years (or close to) and experience freeway noise, apply to register on the NAP - tel RTA 131782 Mr Joseph Fanous or [www.rta.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au) - see - environment - noise - noise abatement. It is difficult to obtain details of NAP registrations from RTA due to confidentiality issues - **if you are already registered on NAP or have applied please advise us so we can track our NAP registration numbers.**
- **LETTERS** - please write letters of complaint about freeway noise and request noise abatement to Minister for Roads State MP and RTA - addresses below - examples can be provided.

**Again thank you for your support. If we can assist with your NAP registration please advise.**

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**If you would like to receive updates by email then please send your email address to - gcwebster@gmail.com**

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Addresses for complaint/action letters are

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