

# **WARRINGAH FREEWAY NOISE WALL ACTION GROUP**

## **UPDATE 3 – 2 Nov 2011**

**It is a year since the Public Meeting on 14 September 2010 with Council, RTA and State MP**

### **PROGRESS AND MAJOR ACTIONS SINCE UPDATE 2**

- **MEETING WITH RTA AND COUNCIL (MAYOR) ON 7 APRIL DISCUSSED**
  - **Draft Noise Report** prepared by Renzo Tonin Associates (Acoustic Consultants) recording noise levels and modelling for over 600 individual properties near the Warringah Freeway (WF). 127 of these properties exceed the noise threshold required to qualify for RTA's Noise Abatement Program (NAP). Report includes proposals for noise abatement in 8 locations. See minutes of meeting and summary of the Report at [www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au](http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au) (Major Projects – WF Noise Walls)  
RTA proposes to carry out detailed feasibility at 3 of the worst affected areas in 2011/12 year
  - The proposed timescale for the RTA to implement noise abatement to affected properties along the WF under NAP
  - The continuing importance of funding the Warringah Freeway as a **"Special Case"** so all can be treated now
- **COUNCIL MEETING WITH NSW MINISTER FOR ROADS & PORTS, DUNCAN GAY ON 11 August 2011** to raise awareness of resident concerns and establish intentions of new state government.
- **GLADYS BEREJKLIAN, NSW MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT announces** (Media Release 4 October 2011) **\$8M** for Noise Abatement Program in NSW and an increase of \$150,000 for noise testing for noise walls in Willoughby electorate.
- **3 LOCATIONS, SEXTON, MERLIN AND WEST STREETS ARE SCHEDULED FOR TREATMENT.** The RTA is preparing a noise barrier report and will start community consultation with residents at the three locations when the report is received. It is anticipated that detailed design will be prepared this financial year and construction next financial year
- **RTA IS REVIEWING THE NAP PRIORITY LIST** with the aim of giving residents/locations a time frame for treatment. For example location XX is proposed to be treated during financial year 2013/14. The prediction is done on current funding estimates and is not guaranteed if funding is changed. When the review of the NAP priority list is done, the RTA will write to residence registered on the NAP list. **These letters are expected to be sent out in November 2011**
- **BUS LAYOVER** - RTA has taken post development traffic noise readings in Morden and Bellevue Streets to assess changes in noise levels

### **WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

- **REGISTER FOR THE NOISE ABATEMENT PROGRAM (NAP) REGISTRATION OR TELL OTHERS TO REGISTER** – tel RTA 131782 Mr Joseph Fanous or website [www.rta.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au) . (Environment – Noise – NAP) Even if you do not technically qualify, RTA will record your details and this should result in advice to you of noise abatement proposals for your street.  
**if you are already registered on NAP or have applied please advise us so we can track our NAP registration numbers.**  
**IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED ON NAP, YOU MAY MISS OUT ON NOISE ABATEMENT FOR YOUR PROPERTY**
- **PLEASE WRITE LETTERS** - freeway noise and request noise abatement to Minister for Roads & Ports, State MPs and RTA – addresses below - examples of letters can be provided.

**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

**The Hon Duncan Gay MP, Minister for Roads & Ports**  
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