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Dear Mr Forrest

RE: NOISE ABATEMENT PROGRAM – REVIEW

As you know, Council, the RTA, the Member for Willoughby and residents of Cammeray recently had a meeting to discuss noise walls on the Warringah Freeway. A copy of the minutes of this meeting is attached.

At this meeting it was noted that the RTA are undertaking a review of the Noise Abatement Program (NAP) and the criteria for funding of noise walls under this program.

It is understood that at the moment the criteria for funding under the NAP is as follows:

- Noise levels are 65 decibels or above during the day or 60 decibels or above during the night
- Residents must have lived at their property for at least 7 years

Once residents have met these criteria they can be placed on the NAP list for consideration for funding.

As you are aware there are a number of residents, along the Warringah Freeway in Cammeray, who meet the above criteria and have been on the NAP list for many years; some upwards of 15 years. However, they are no closer to receiving noise treatments adjacent to their properties as other roads/ properties have subsequently been added to the list and received treatment ahead of them. Residents feel that the “goal posts keep moving”. Residents have been told it is likely to be 10-20 years before noise walls are installed in Cammeray.

It is understood that these other roads/ properties are subject to higher noise levels. However, Council strongly feels that the NAP criteria should also take into account the length of time that a property has been on the NAP list. Once residents have met the criteria as above, it is felt that funding should be prioritised on a weighted basis taking into account the noise level AND the length of time that residents have been waiting on the NAP list.



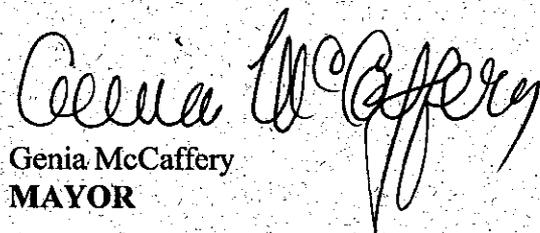
It is understood that there is a budget for the NAP, and projects have to be prioritised. Council feels that the modified weighted funding model will provide more equitable access to the program for residents.

Another means to improve equity is to consider the NAP as a 3 or 4 year program. Then roads/ properties which were only added in the previous year are not able to usurp other properties which have been on the list for a considerable period of time.

It is noted that some residents in Cammeray would be prepared to partially meet the cost of installing a noise wall. This co-contribution of funds should also be taken into consideration when the RTA is deciding which projects to prioritise for funding under the NAP.

I would appreciate it if you could take these suggestions into consideration during the RTA review of the NAP.

Yours sincerely



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