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Dear Mr Crosby

As you are aware, Council recently hosted a public meeting to discuss noise issues associated with the Warringah Freeway. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both the RTA and yourself for coming along to that meeting.

A number of questions for the RTA were raised by the residents at that meeting. These questions included:

1. Who do residents contact in the RTA to get action for the Warringah Freeway as a “special case”?
2. Noise issues get much worse the higher you go – noise rises. Why therefore does the RTA only consider two storey properties?
3. If the noise level is measured at a particular residence, it can be assumed that adjacent properties will have similar noise levels. Why therefore does the NAP test properties on an individual basis? The whole Warringah Freeway has high noise levels, tests should be taken at regular intervals along the length of the corridor now.
4. Adjacent to the new bus layover, trees previously provided a visual barrier and a partial noise barrier. A number of trees have been removed for the bus layover - where are the replacements (noise barrier)?
5. It is understood that the bus layover tender from NACE constructions was less than the RTA’s budget for the project. Why then can’t the RTA install a noise wall as part of this project?

I have attached for your information Council’s minutes from the meeting, as well as a copy of minutes prepared by a resident who attended the meeting.

Again, thank you for attending the public meeting and I look forward to receiving your response to these questions at your earliest convenience.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please don’t hesitate to contact Ms Cathy Edwards-Davis, Council’s Traffic Engineer on 9936 8100 or myself on 9936 8112.

Yours sincerely

Genia McCaffery  
**MAYOR**