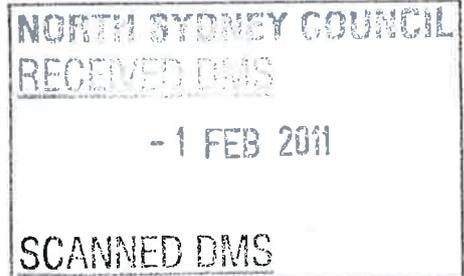




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Ms Genia McCaffery
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Dear Ms McCaffery

It was a great opportunity to attend the public meeting to hear the concerns of the residents regarding the noise issues along the Warringah Freeway. Thank you also for your letter regarding the noise issues associated with the Warringah Freeway. I have taken careful note of your detailed comments.

Below are the responses to your questions:

1. Residents can contact the RTA Noise Abatement Program (NAP) for "special case" enquiries for the Warringah Freeway. The contact is Joseph Fanous, Senior Environmental Officer, on 8849 2516.
2. The current NAP policy does not treat multi storey buildings. However, this is currently under review.
3. Noise testing for the NAP is done at individual residences after registration onto the NAP program and after certain criteria are met. While testing is done on an individual basis, the results are used for adjacent properties when treatments are considered.
4. Trees generally do not provide a noise barrier. In this instance, the trees were removed due to the proposed cycleway that was discussed with the council. There have also been discussions with the council and residents regarding the proposed landscaping of the area for the bus layover project.

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5. Results of the noise assessment indicated the noise levels were below the criteria for noise treatment. Therefore, noise treatments were not justified for the project. There will be a noise assessment once the bus layover project is complete to verify the noise levels.

As discussed in previous meetings, the RTA has undertaken a noise assessment of the Warringah Freeway from Willoughby Road to Falcon Street. The results of the noise assessment will be used when considering the request for a 'special case' for noise treatment along the Warringah Freeway.

Should you wish to discuss these matters further, please do not hesitate to contact Joseph Fanous, Senior Environmental Officer on 8849 2516.

Yours sincerely



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