

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA 1

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INNER WEST COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER 2017

5.30pm

Location: Ashfield Service Centre, 260 Liverpool Road, Ashfield

**MEETING AGENDA – PRECIS
SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS**

The following report/s appear as late item/s with Mayoral approval as information required for the preparation of the report/s was not available at the time of distribution of the Business Paper.

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Item No: C1017 Item 1
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: OPPOSITION TO WESTCONNEX
From Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT:

Inner West Council formally adopts a position of continued opposition in the strongest terms to the WestConnex project, both approved and future stages including stage 3, consistent with the positions of the former councils of Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1017 Item 2
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: COUNCIL ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO WESTCONNEX
From: Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:**THAT Council:**

1. Note that consultant reports, costing in excess of \$450 000, on the traffic impacts of each stage of the WestConnex project as well as an assessment of the Environmental Impact Statement for Stage 3 of the project, are due to be completed imminently. These studies include assessments of tunnel engineering, traffic modelling, air pollution, active and public transport and construction impacts. Council Officers and consultants have identified the following preliminary concerns about impacts in the Inner West Council area:
 - a. **Air quality impacts** from emissions from unfiltered ventilation stacks proposed for Haberfield, Rozelle and St Peters. The stack on Victoria Road, Rozelle near Terry Street raises particular concern due its proximity to densely developed residential areas and schools. Council is also concerned about emissions from surface roads near interchanges that have additional traffic from WestConnex, such as the Anzac Bridge, Victoria Road at the Iron Cove Bridge and the area around Canal Road, St Peters and Gardeners Road, Mascot;
 - b. **Construction impacts** including noise, vibration, dust, truck traffic and employee parking demand from a number of construction sites in Haberfield, Ashfield, Leichhardt, Lilyfield, Rozelle, Annandale/Camperdown and St Peters. Stage 3 would prolong the terrible impacts residents have already endured from Stages 1 and 2. More stringent conditions of approval, stronger enforcement of compliance and improved management of cumulative impacts are all needed to ensure residents affected by Stage 3 are not subject to the same intolerable impacts as those affected by Stages 1 and 2;
 - c. **Operational traffic impacts** when each stage of WestConnex opens. Council is not only concerned about the broad impact of extra traffic attracted by the motorway (induced traffic), it is also concerned about extra traffic (rat-running) on residential streets around the Haberfield, St Peters and Rozelle interchanges. For Stage 3, Council is particularly concerned about extra traffic on streets including The Crescent and Johnston Street at Annandale, Frederick, Alt, Bland, Waratah and Dalhousie Streets at Haberfield and Ashfield and Canal Road at St Peters;
 - d. **The need to protect local streets** that may be affected, by all stages of the project, by additional traffic (rat-running), by implementing traffic calming on those streets, fully funded by the NSW Government;
 - e. **Need to reclaim road space** to implement public transport, active transport and streetscape improvements wherever traffic is reduced by WestConnex, with these improvements fully funded by the NSW Government. In particular, these kinds of improvements are sought for Victoria Road, Rozelle and

Parramatta Road for its entire length through the Inner West Council area;

- f. ***Need for quality design and full delivery of Rozelle Rail Yards recreation area.*** Council acknowledges that further detailed design work for the Rozelle Rail Yards (RRY) recreation area would be undertaken later. At this stage however, Council has concerns about impacts on the RRY recreation area from WestConnex service areas (ventilation stacks, transformers, water treatment area) and believes pedestrian and cycle connectivity across and to the site could be improved. Council would also like to see an early commitment from the NSW Government to deliver the RRY recreation area to Council or other appropriate body fully constructed for public use at the earliest opportunity;

- g. ***Need to ensure the project does not sever future public transport corridors, in particular that the use of the Rozelle Rail Yards site for WestConnex must not sever rights-of-way for future public transport projects such as light rail to White Bay in Balmain and Sydney Metro West heavy rail; and***

- h. ***Overall lack of transparency, oversight and accountability by the NSW State Government agencies*** - In the planning, design and construction of the toll road system, resulting in a desperate lack of clear communication, certainty and / or remedy by residents in the community impacted by this project. This has been exacerbated with the forced amalgamation of the affected Marrickville, Leichhardt & Ashfield Councillors and the sacking of elected local representatives. During this period local residents and groups have had to take on the work of elected representatives in the area, and should be acknowledged for their effort and impact during this period.

2. Further note that the cost this year of the operation of the WestConnex Unit is projected at \$860 000 and to exceed \$1.5 million, in total, by 2019/20.

	2016-17 (part)	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (part)	TOTAL
Salaries (rounded)	\$ 200,000	\$ 320,000	\$ 320,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 960,000
General expenses	\$ 20,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 100,000
Stage 3 assessment	-	\$ 250,000	-	-	\$ 250,000
Modelling study	-	\$ 250,000	-	-	\$ 250,000
	\$ 220,000	\$ 860,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 1,560,000

The expenditure spent by the former Councils on WestConnex is shown below:

Leichhardt Council	\$319,063
Ashfield Council	\$243,531
Marrickville Council	\$198,950
Total	\$761,544

3. Convene a series of on-site meetings for residents and business owners in the immediate vicinity of the construction and dive sites proposed in the Stage 3 EIS to provide location specific, factual information to them about Council's assessment of the impacts, including air quality, traffic and construction impacts. This should include meetings to be held at Haberfield, Leichhardt, Rozelle, Camperdown and St Peters;
4. Write to the Minister for WestConnex:
- Urgently seeking a meeting to discuss the ongoing and unacceptable impacts on residents in Haberfield and St Peters from utility companies associated with the project conducting night works and the ongoing failure of vehicle operators to adhere to the project's conditions of consent and traffic management plans;
 - To demand assumptions and scenarios underlying the traffic modelling, contain in the Stage 3 EIS, not just model output;
 - Seeking full funding from the NSW Government of all traffic calming and amelioration expenditure required as a result of WestConnex;
 - Seeking the delivery of all legacy lands to Council or an appropriate body for public use at the earliest possible time.
 - Seek a guaranteed funding commitment contained in the Stage 3 EIS conditions of consent for SMC to fund improvements to residual lands in accordance with council's requirements; and
 - Requesting that the Preferred Infrastructure Report for Stage 3 be publicly released prior to any assessment or approval.
5. Produce a report investigating the potential to initiate a dilapidation and structural assessment service for home and business owners impacted by tunnelling for the WestConnex project. The report should detail how the service could be provided on a cost recovery basis. Internal legal advice will be sought when drafting this report to determine if there are legal and/or administrative barriers to Council's involvement in the

dilapidation reporting process.

6. Commit to ongoing coordination of and support for the work of the WestConnex Community Liaison Committee in order to allow for the transparent flow of information between Council and the various WestConnex community groups.
7. State its preference for advocacy regarding WestConnex not to be outsourced to advertising agencies or external contractors and instead be conducted through Council's WestConnex Unit;
8. Commit to always undertaking interrogation and analysis of SMC traffic modelling to fully understand impacts of traffic flows on surface emissions and stack emissions in the Inner West Council area ;
9. Complete Independent traffic modelling in affected areas to understand potential air quality impacts of induced traffic at interchanges and potential rat runs throughout the Council area, noting that some of this work is already underway;
10. Wherever possible, identify specific impacts and issues, relating to the construction phase, and suggest improvements that could strengthen approval conditions and enforcement actions to address these long term, cumulative impacts. These should be articulated in Council's EIS response, drawing from lessons learned in the design, approval and construction of Stages 1 and 2;
11. Establish within Council of a log of complaints register and a process whereby residents within the Council area can log a copy of complaints made to SMC and state agencies in response to construction conditions, so that Council may make additional representation on behalf of residents to relevant state agencies and ministers. This should include dedicated contact numbers made available to residents to easily log complaints;
12. Produce a report for consideration by Councillors about how the existing plans for WestConnex detrimentally impact on potential public transport options, such as the White Bay Light Rail extension and the Sydney Metro West and major transport arteries such as Parramatta Road and Victoria Road. The report should also assess alternative proposals including the City of Sydney's alternative plans.
13. Oppose, in principle, the City of Sydney's proposal for 13 000 units to be built at the site of the St Peters interchange, noting that this would be a greater increase in residential density than is proposed in total for the Inner West Council area through the Government's Sydenham to Bankstown rezoning proposals.
14. Dedicate an officer within the WestConnex Unit to:
 - a. Support and assist the work of the various action groups, acknowledging the proliferation and complexity of issues associated with the WestConnex project and the need for dedicated local support within the IWC area to focus on issues specific to the M4-M5 link and interchanges.
 - b. The responsibilities of this position should include support and facilitation of

community responses to planning and design documents, facilitation of log of complaints by residents, and support for Council's advocacy on behalf of the Inner West community to relevant state agencies and Ministers.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.