

Air Quality Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes

WestConnex M4-M8 Link AQCCC Meeting 17

Date	Tuesday 3 December 2024		
Time	6:00pm		
Venue	WestConnex Motorway Control Centre 33 Burrows Road, St Peters (Members attending via videoconference)		
Chair	Ross Hornsey	Chair and Director	Ethos Urban
Participants	Brian Smyth King Peter Bridge	Community representative Community representative	Haberfield Haberfield
	Matthew Callander Kris Hinks Genevieve Neich	Fire Life Safety and Integration OEMP Specialist Community and Engagement Lead Commissioning and Integration Director Senior Manager Maintenance Performance	WestConnex WestConnex WestConnex WestConnex WestConnex
	Ralf Schramm Nadir Hashmi		WestConnex
	Dr Ian Longley	Independent Air Quality Specialist	NIWA NZ
	Christine Hodgkiss	Director, Environment and Sustainability, Eastern Harbour and Central River	TfNSW
	Susannah Moberly	Director Precinct Delivery Inner West, Eastern Sydney Project Office	TfNSW
	Sarah Guan	Senior Transport Planner	Inner West Council
	Kate Purdy	Operations Manager	EPA (Observer)
	Rob Sherry	Team Leader Compliance	DPHI (Observer)
Apologies	Alistair Wardrope	Community representative	St Peters

Agenda Items		Action
1.0	Welcome, introduction to the new Chair, declarations of interest, actions from previous meeting	
	<p>The Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country and invited any declarations of interest from participants – none were offered. Noted that minutes from the previous meeting were distributed inter-session and, with no comments received, had been accepted. Noted that there was one outstanding action regarding communicating with a departing Community Representative who was relocating to Queensland. Via the Chair Alistair Wardrope has offered his thanks for the opportunity to represent his community on 	None

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<p>the committee and offered his appreciation to other community representatives, authorities.</p>	
3.0 Air quality items raised by community members	
<p>The Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted and confirmed there were no air quality related items raised by community members for discussion. 	None
4.0 Updates from the project team	
<p>The Chair invited the WestConnex team to provide the meeting with an:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of air quality complaints since last meeting Update on air quality monitoring stations. Update on M4-M8 Link. <p>The WestConnex team provided a presentation, advising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There had been no air quality complaints since the last AQCCC meeting. There had been two air quality exceedances detected at the Wattle Street Air Quality Monitoring Station on 24 October and 18 November 2024. Investigation concluded that the data was not valid and no exceedance occurred. 	None.
5.0 Other business	
<p>The Chair advised that the AQCCC Annual Report was being prepared for issue to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) alongside a report by Dr Ian Longley covering two-years of validated air quality data, available since the M4-0M8 Link opened in January 2023.</p> <p>These reports will inform the decision around whether the AQCCC is to continue to meet quarterly beyond its two-year project condition requirement, which expires in January 2025. As the reports are being finalised and submitted, it is anticipated that the committee will require a meeting in March 2025.</p> <p>The Chair invited any comments from community members as to the AQCCC's effectiveness and the value of continuing to meet beyond its required commitments.</p> <p>Community representatives highlighted the value of regular engagement between WestConnex as operators of the project and the wider community and that consideration should be given to how that continues in the future. Whilst representatives were open to considering other ways to achieve this outside a formalised AQCCC, they highlighted a continued interest in having a mechanism to engage directly with WestConnex outside of other public information channels such as the community hotline and the project website.</p> <p>The Chair asked that this be considered and presented on by WestConnex at the next meeting, and that community representatives collate any ideas on future engagement opportunities for consideration</p>	<p>WestConnex team to consider and present on approaches for ongoing community engagement at next meeting.</p> <p>Community representatives to collate and provide ideas on appropriate approaches for community engagement to the Chair by email prior to the next meeting.</p>