

Minutes

Rozelle Interchange AQCCC Meeting #14

Date	3/9/2024		
Time	6.00pm		
Venue	Transurban, 210 George Street, Sydney. Please come to Reception on Level 12 Videoconference also available		
Chair	Ross Hornsey	Chair and Director	Ethos Urban
Invitees	Peter Nvyllt	Community representative	Rozelle
	Ain Kalmus	Community representative	Rozelle
	Brian Gorman	Community representative	Rozelle
	Ben Prag	Community representative	Iron Cove
	Kendall Banfield	Senior Transport Planner	Inner West Council
	Matthew Callander	Fire Life Safety and Integration	WestConnex
	Ashley Parnell	Maintenance Operations Manager	WestConnex
	Kris Hincks	OEMP Specialist	WestConnex
	Genevieve Neich	Senior Communications and Engagement Advisor	WestConnex
Ralf Schramm	Commissioning and Integration Director	WestConnex	
Dr Ian Longley	Independent Air Quality Specialist	NIWA NZ	
Susannah Mobberley	Director Precinct Delivery Inner West, Eastern Sydney Project Office	TfNSW	
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Rob Strong	Director, Environment and Sustainability, Eastern Harbour and Central River	TfNSW	
Christina Hodgkiss			
Rob Sherry	Team Leader Compliance	DPHI (Observer)	
Julian Thompson	Operations Manager	EPA	
Apologies	Scott Hodder	Program Director, Major Projects NSW	WestConnex
	Rhonda Pollard	Environment and Sustainability Manager	TfNSW
	Ashley Douglas	Community representative	Iron Cove
	Helena Keyworth	Community representative	Iron Cove
	Verity Turner	Environment and Planning Director	WestConnex
Manod Wickramasinghe	Traffic & Transport Planning Manager	Inner West Council	

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 invited any declarations of interest from participants – none were offered. Noted that minutes from the previous meeting were distributed inter-session and, with one minor change requested that attendance by Christina Hodgkiss was now noted. Advised that Genevieve Neich would be replacing Verity Turner as the primary contact coordinating and managing the AQCCC on behalf of WestConnex going forward. 	
2.0	Air quality items raised by community members	

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<p>The Chair noted that no air quality items had been raised by the community members.</p>	
<p>3.0 Updates from the project team</p>	
<p>The Chair invited the WestConnex team to provide an update on the action to develop explanatory guidance for the general public in interpreting air quality information available on the project website.</p> <p>A draft Fact Sheet was presented to members, who provided feedback requesting that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inner West Council to consider whether it could also be available on its website. • Recent trend information be included alongside month-to-month performance. <p>It was emphasised that this summary be a supplement to and not a replacement for the extensive information currently publicly available. Community members agreed to review the resource in detail and provide any further feedback for the WestConnex team .</p> <p>The Chair also 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. <p>The WestConnex team provided a presentation, advising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been no complaints since the last meeting. • Air quality data for each of the four monitoring stations showed there had been no air quality exceedances recorded since the last AQCCC meeting. • That on 5 April a significant rainfall event had caused the flooding of the Iron Cove ventilation facility which contains the Continuous Emissions Monitoring Station for the outlet. Whilst in-tunnel and ambient air quality monitoring were unaffected, the flooding did impact the recording of ventilation outlet data This has now been rectified and data is again reported via the Linkt website. 	<p>Inner West Council representatives to investigate whether the fact sheet could be distributed via the council website.</p>
<p>4.0 Presentation by Dr Ian Longley</p>	
<p>The WestConnex team invited Dr Ian Longley, the independent air quality specialist appointed to the project, to present an in-depth analysis of 6 months of air quality monitoring data.</p> <p>Dr Longley's presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminded members of his role, appointed on behalf of the community to provide independent analysis of air quality data provided by Transurban to ensure the project meets its planning conditions and air quality guidelines, monitor changes to air quality and provide insight on what changes can be attributed to the project. • Provided contextual information on overall trends in monthly average NOx levels across the Inner West and compared that to the monthly averages recorded at Rozelle Interchange monitoring sites since opening. • Showed localised analysis for each of the monitoring stations which showed a minor deterioration at Bridgewater Park, minor improvement 	

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<p>at Quirk Street and Rozelle and a more significant improvement at Chapman Road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasised the impact of prevailing winds on monitoring results at certain stations, with north westerly winds tending to result in higher readings of NOx that would be unrelated to the project. Concluded that overall, there had been no large long-term change in local air quality and that reductions in traffic at Chapman Road had likely contributed to air quality improvements. <p>Members were given an opportunity to ask questions, raising the following issues and observations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The analysis presented showed no change in air quality at Manning Street – the local community had been given the expectation the project would result in air quality improvements and some members noted considerable disappointment this has not been achieved. Dr Longley emphasised that a range of factors influenced air quality outcomes outside the project’s direct impact, including changes in driver behaviour and journey types. The WestConnex team invited Dr Longley to return and provide an updated analysis with additional detail in 12 months’ time. It was asked whether a shift to a higher share of Electric Vehicles on roads was expected to deliver significant air quality impacts. Dr Longley advised it was difficult to predict what would happen in the future and the difference between localised and overall air quality impacts. Dr Longley also advised the impact of reduced traffic on air quality during the Covid Pandemic was observable in the data but that this is then smoothed out when considering the overall trends over time. 	<p>WestConnex team to organise for another in-depth presentation by Dr Longley in 12 months’ time.</p>
<p>4.0 Other business</p>	
<p>The Chair drew members attention to the proposed date for the next meeting on 26 November 2024.</p> <p>The Chair offered the opportunity to raise any other air quality related business and, receiving none, closed the meeting.</p>	