



EDWARD PRECINCT MEETING – Wednesday 9 July 2021 MINUTES 6:30pm ROS CRICHTON PAVILLION

Acknowledgment of Country and Welcome

The Chair acknowledged the traditional ownership of the land by the Cammeraygal people and welcomed those present to the meeting.

Present: GM (chair), JC, JC, CT, GGK, SG, CT

Apologies: MC, DH

1 Guest Speaker:

Jeremy Dawkins, Convenor of Committee for North Sydney. WHT and BL impacts on North Sydney and how to limit negative impacts, focusing on Berry Street.

Jeremy explained that the Committee for North Sydney shared the view of most in the community that the western harbour tunnel-beaches link tunnels are a response to a political priority not a response to the transport needs of the metropolitan region at a time of rapid social and technological change and a climate emergency -- they are bad projects financially, socially, environmentally and especially for metro transport.

However, the Committee is focusing on one very negative aspect of the proposal: the failure to provide links to the area's regional roads and instead force traffic to the tunnels through the North Sydney city centre, using Berry Street as a freeway on-ramp. The Committee invites everyone who sees the future North Sydney city centre as a place for people, not cars, to support the campaign by visiting the website and facebook pages and sharing the information with their friends, groups and networks.

The disastrous impact on the North Sydney city centre is further proof of the bad planning and decision making that has gone into the Premier's tunnels. We should all call on the Council to defend the city from their impacts.

The attached flyer has buttons which give direct links to sites where anyone can find out more, ask questions, and support the campaign.

2 Minutes of 14 April meeting (circulated on)

Minutes were circulated to Edward precinct email members and NSC on 16 April.

See <https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/edwardprecinct>

Minute approval was unanimous

3 Development Applications

DAs can be reviewed on line: see <https://aptracking.northsydney.nsw.gov.au>

The following relevant DAs are under assessment or determined:

- [DA 95/21](#) 313 Pacific Highway - Demolition of existing structures and construction of 4-storey mixed use development with retail / commercial, boarding house with 36 rooms, rooftop communal facilities, basement parking. Lodged 9 Apr
- [DA 140/21](#) 16 Toongarah Road, Waverton. Internal renovation plus roof over. Lodged 14 May

- [DA 146/21](#) ACU, 33 Berry Street, North Sydney. Increase hours of operation of existing ground floor gym. Lodged 18 May
- [DA 78/321](#) 1 A McHatton St Alterations and additions to existing dual occupancy, new detached garage and conversion of existing garage to detached studio. Lodged 29 March

No comments were made on any of the DAs.

4 General Business

4.1 WHT and BL parliamentary Inquiry.

The NSW Upper House is holding an Inquiry into the two tunnels and the Warringah Freeway Upgrade. Terms of reference for this were emailed to precinct members on 6 May.

Precinct members supporting or opposing the new tunnels are encouraged to lodge Submissions which can be made by 18 June at

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/lodge-a-submission.aspx?pk=2767>

A submission opposing Beaches Link was made by Edward Precinct. The meeting agreed that this document could be added as an annex to an Edward Precinct submission to the Inquiry opposing both tunnels. The submission will be circulated to meeting attenders.

4.2 Western harbour tunnel/Warringah freeway – current status

Warringah Freeway upgrade is making progress, with impact of several areas along the freeway, TfNSW is sending frequent files, which precinct members can apply to receive or download at <https://caportal.com.au/rms/wht/documents-and-notifications> .

4.3 Northern Bridge cycle ramp and cycleway options

The Mayor is objecting strongly to the proposals made by TfNSW

Two meetings at Milsons Point voted unanimously against construction and passed proposals made by the mayor. It is true that many residents residing in the Alfred St tower blocks oppose construction that uses space in North Bradfield Park.

JC outlined his submission sent to NSC and the NSW Government and the Councillor Kathy Brodie proposal.



TfNSW has just released its proposals for a runoff from the current cycleway, including a linear (actually a wavy) and a circular runoff which would require demolition of the bowling club. It can be seen online at:

<https://roads-waterways.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/sydney-harbour-bridge/access-projects/cycleway-access-proposals.html>

To provide feedback or make a submission see

<https://yoursay.transport.nsw.gov.au/sydney-harbour-bridge-cycleway-access-program>

Several meeting participants considered that the linear option proposed was ugly, heavy and detracted from the view of the bridge and from its heritage value, especially given

that this is one of the most iconic structures in Australia. It is possible that a lighter design closer to the existing bridge approach design would be less obtrusive.

Motion:

Edward Precinct prefers a linear approach for a cycleway runoff but considers that the current design is not satisfactory as it detracts from heritage value of the Bridge. Precinct recommends that TfNSW also assesses the potential for a longer, less bulky runoff adjacent to the bridge approach wall, either reaching the ground on the western side of the railway viaduct towards the north of Bradfield Park North, in Middlemiss St or crossing under the Alfred St bridge and connecting with the former tramway abutment and Blue St. The second option would also cater for an extension of the cycleway alongside the Warringah Expressway to St Leonards Park*

Carried unanimously

4.4 Liveability Census closes 30 June

Precinct members are encouraged to participate.

<https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/2021-liveability-census>

4.5 NSC meetings April/May - major items affecting Edward Precinct

NSC Meeting 3743 24 April 2021

Strongly opposed the application of Noakes to moor the floating dry dock in Berrys Bay
Strongly opposed the proposed cycleway runoff at the northern end of the Harbour Bridge

NSC Meeting 3744 26 May 2021

The request for remote attendance by Councillor Carr was approved (4/3) but that for Councillors Beregi and Baker was rejected (unanimously), though they could watch proceedings online.

Meeting unanimously supported the motion opposing the TfNSW cycleway designs at a meeting in Kirribilli on 20 May addressed by the mayor. The TfNSW options were rejected and a lift proposed as an alternative. These aspects are discussed in Section 4.2. Council voted 6/1 for the mayor's motion.

The minutes of the Sustainable Transport Reference Group meeting of 3 May were noted, though the mayor objected to STRG's support for joint pedestrian and bicycle use of the diagonal path across St Leonards Park.

Motion Edward Precinct expresses its concern at Council barring online meeting participation by elected representatives of the community and recommends that councillors with genuine reasons are allowed to participate in council meetings online at least until the next council election in September.

Carried unanimously

Meeting supported use of the remainder of the Affordable Housing Reserve to purchase a property or properties for women escaping domestic violence.

4.6 Combined Precinct Committee meeting 20 April

Edward Precinct's views on file naming were supported.

CT left the meeting

4.7 Provisions related to the upcoming Local Government Election

NSC is trying to tightly control precinct management in the period prior to the election on 4 September mainly affecting office bearers and speakers.

A copy will be sent to any of our email members who request it.

4.8 Precinct System Review – proposed boundary changes

We have advised Council that we would be prepared to merge if required with Union Precinct but not with part of CBD.

The Precinct System Review Recommendations have been published in draft – a number of recommendations were made, but decisions delayed until the 28 June council meeting. However a copy can be provided by email to Edward members if requested.

Motion Edward Precinct recommends that it merges with Union Precinct, probably commencing after the council elections on 4 September 2021. Passed unanimously

OTHER MATTERS TABLED

4.9 Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2030

North Sydney's Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2030 is on public exhibition until 28 June 2021.

An online information session will on Wednesday 16 June 2021 at 6.00pm

<https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/information-sessions>

4.10 Flyer distribution and co-secretary

DH has left his Bay Rd house, currently on a tour of the bush and is planning to settle in northern coastal NSW.

Motion Edward Precinct thanks DH for his valuable assistance to the precinct since he moved to Bay Rd in 1990. His two years as co-secretary to the current management group is particularly appreciated.

4.11 Flyer distribution

GGD has kindly offered to assist with flyer distribution.

The Precinct monthly meeting is your opportunity to provide community advice to Council on matters affecting your local area. For more information or suggestions for agenda items, contact the Edward precinct committee at <edwardprecinct@iinet.net.au>.

Next Edward Precinct meeting: Wednesday 14 July 2021

Western Harbour Tunnel? Beaches Link? A combined disaster for North Sydney!



Over \$20 billion to spend on tunnels and interchanges – and this is what the Premier does to Berry Street.

GLADYS BEREJKLIAN'S NEW TUNNELS START IN THE HEART OF THE NORTH SYDNEY CITY CENTRE!



The Premier KNOWS she can have the tunnels AND save the North Sydney city centre as a place for people.

The Premier, the Minister for Planning and **Public Spaces** and the Minister for Transport must instruct their agencies to connect the tunnels to **arterial roads**, not to neighbourhood and city streets.



A city centre choked with traffic – cars, trucks, semis, buses. Clogged streets. Intersections gridlocked.

Engineers in the Department of Transport know it. Engineers in the North Sydney Council know it. Engineers on the Committee for North Sydney and engineers advising us know it.

The North Sydney city centre is going to be the main (very congested) interchange for the two tunnels.



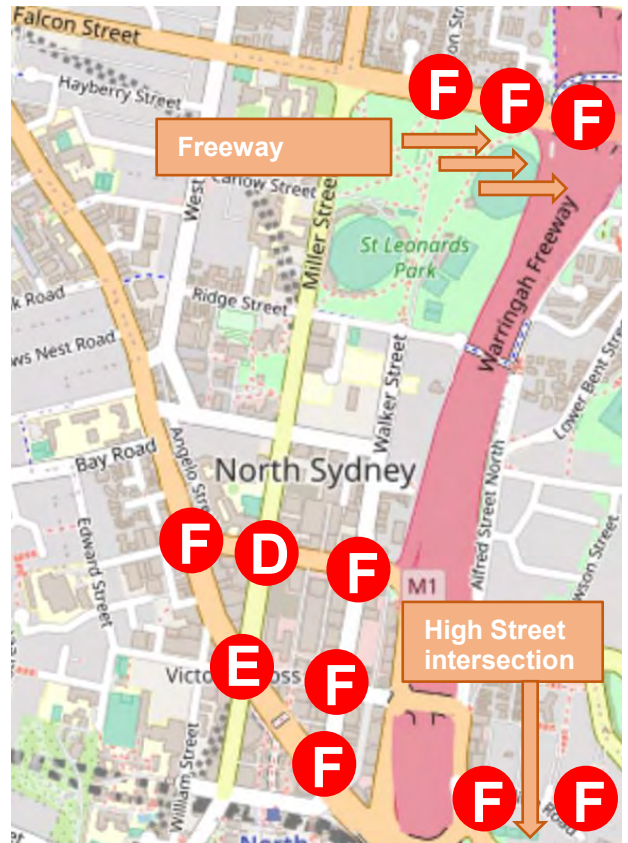
Commuter, tradie, deliveries, trucks – want to use the Beaches Link? *Fight your way to Berry Street.*

Using the Western Harbour Tunnel to the western suburbs, airport, south? *Fight your way to Berry Street. Queue at the intersections. Queue in Berry Street.*

Coming from Cammeray, Northbridge, Gore Hill, Balmoral, Cremorne, Mosman? *Join the queues!*

Crows Nest, Greenwich, Wollstonecraft, Waverton, Neutral Bay, Kirribilli? *Join the queues in the rat runs.*

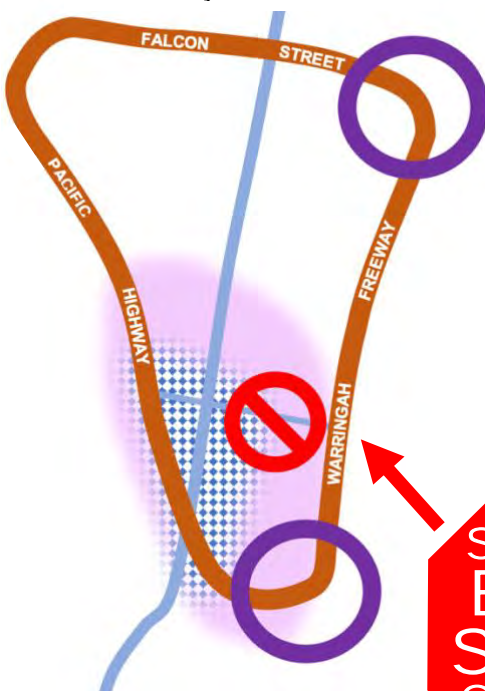
The Premier, the Department for Transport, North Sydney Council and experts advising the Committee for North Sydney know:



Based on data from Appendix F of the Western Harbour Tunnel EIS and the North Sydney Council's submission to DPIE, March 2020.

It doesn't have to be like this!

The circles are the existing interchanges. That's where everyone wants to access the tunnels – not through choked city streets.



Freeways and tunnels should always connect to *arterial roads*, and not turn *local* and *city* streets into *freeway on-ramps*.

Fortunately North Sydney city centre has its own ring of arterial roads – see *diagram*. The streets inside this ring must be for **city and local traffic only – they aren't needed for tunnel traffic.**

JOIN THE FIGHT FOR THE CITY CENTRE

1. Let Gladys know her tunnel plans need fixing.
2. Let the Ministers know what you think.
3. Ask the North Sydney Council to fight for their plans.

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