

Minutes of Meeting of Registry Precinct on 30 September 2020 at 6.30pm

Venue: Ros Crichton Pavilion, North Sydney Council, Miller Street

Present: 13

Apologies: 12

Item 1: Minutes of Previous (Zoom) Meeting

The Minutes of the Precinct Meeting held on 29 July 2020 were read and agreed.

Item 2: Report on Combined Precinct Committee (CPC) meeting of 19 August 2020

- Precinct System Review: Submissions were made two months ago (including one from Registry Precinct). We favour maintaining Cammeray village, from Falcon Street to the Suspension Bridge, and from West Street to Bellevue Street, as one Precinct area. (Note: The area of the above, north of the Freeway, has no active Precinct at the moment.) **We await feedback from Council**
- North Sydney Pool Redevelopment: Not much resolution to report back on anything at this stage
- Berry's Bay: Watching Brief
- **Western Harbour Tunnel** : NSC are concerned about the highly detrimental high volume, massive delays for traffic & associated issues caused by this Project.
- Thanks must go to committed local advocate GT for meeting with the Mayor and Council Staff to discuss & drill down to the detail of the range of permanent detrimental impacts for the North Sydney LGA
- Ex Mayor Genia McCaffery is now Chair of Edward Precinct & has joined the CPC.
- Parraween Street, Cremorne car park proposal: Has annoyed some people and approved by others - but no much needed affordable social housing is proposed.

Item 3: Western Harbour Tunnel (WHT) Project

- The TfNSW formal response to the public submissions on the Western Harbour Tunnel EIS was discussed briefly. Consensus was that the Government's response was obfuscating, contained errors & tried to pin it on the Chief Scientist who in turn referred to out of date technical information & did not categorically say unfiltered stacks would be safe.
- **Air Quality:** poor ventilation design - not "well designed" as Chief Scientist's Committee Report says road tunnels should be (that report only referred to experience with Sydney road tunnels of 4km or less in length).
- The Dept of Transport is deceptive in using that report to justify the design without noting it related to tunnels of much shorter length there is no data on the operation of road tunnels longer than 4km in Sydney new M4 just opened and lightly trafficked & Northconnex not yet open but already has an extra stack at 4.5km half way point of each tube the WHT should at least have that.
- Being longitudinal ventilation (the cheapest option) to be well designed the current proposed design needs more stacks (like Stockholm) to avoid breaching the not

more than 5000m apart rule (CTEU France, PIARC and Sweden ventilation design rules in the E4 Stockholm tender documents) or to ban diesel trucks (as France does in Duplex tunnel in Paris, as Istanbul does in 6.5 km Eurasia tunnel), or install filtration for the ventilation (exhaust) stacks (as Madrid, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Mont Blanc and Italy all do).

- Background air quality in the Cammeray and Rozelle areas already at the NEPM limit of 8mcg/ m³ and that is reducing to 7mcg/ m³ by 2025 (already legislated as NEPM goal = Federal legislation).
- Also, not Euro 6 and Chief Health Officer notes all local traffic assumptions must hold and unlikely they will.
- Anzac Park Public School submitted letters to various politicians. The outcome was that a meeting with a representative from NSW Planning Department will be held shortly, to put forward concerns. Other local school associations are to be contacted to see if they would be interested in a MOOT to raise awareness of impacts of WHT.
- Attendees were reminded to go onto the St Leonards Park Air Monitoring site on the NSC website and check the readings.

Item 4: Street Play

Anzac Avenue has been nominated as a possible Street Play Site. No further details as yet.

Item 5: Over-Development

Willoughby Road and Highway: developments reduced to 16 storeys, which is better; but no increase in amenities. Proposed Overdevelopment remains a taxing issue for locals in Crows Nest and St Leonards.

Item 6: Traffic & Parking

1. Miller Street/Rosalind Street Cammeray Crossing
 - **ACTION REQUIRED BY COUNCIL:** Precinct request that NSC please urgently arrange for the RMS to lengthen total crossing time to 30 seconds as a matter of safety & security for the heavy school pedestrian traffic there.
2. Moodie Street, Cammeray: Several residents attended and spoke of the ongoing problems of dangerous traffic for both pedestrians and drivers on this very narrow ONE LANE WIDE, busy road where two-way traffic is permitted regardless of the danger. It is completely hazardous at the Ernest St end as NSC are very well aware of. Pedestrians have to walk in the middle of the road with cars flying round the corner almost into them, as there is no viable footpath [far too narrow with large vehicles overhanging it as they crowd away from the road to make more room for traffic]. This has been a problem over too many years and has escalated into road rage and distress caused by several near misses involving drivers & pedestrians alike. This is a busy rat run that needs to be addressed urgently by NSC & changed to operate as a ONE-WAY road which is all that it is suitable for logistically.
 - **ACTION REQUIRED BY COUNCIL:** Precinct passed the following Motion: Precinct requests Council to urgently address the safety & traffic issues in Moodie Street by changing it to a ONE-WAY Road from Falcon Street to Ernest Street as soon as possible for safety for pedestrians as well as drivers. *Moved by PD, Seconded by CB.*
 - Precinct also suggests that, if this is adopted, there be no left-hand turn into Lytton Street from traffic heading west along Ernest St [at least during peak

hours.]

- Precinct also requests that NSC please provide the details of the basis of the information in the Mayor's recent response to locals GM, and PD on this issue [30 Sept 2020].

The Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

The next Registry Precinct Meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 28 October 2020 in the Ros Crichton Pavilion, North Sydney Council.