

MINUTES

Rozelle Interchange Air Quality Community Consultative Committee – Meeting 1

Date	5/10/2021		
Time	6.00pm – 8.00pm		
Venue	Videoconference		
Independent Chairperson	Abigail Goldberg	Chair and Director	GoldbergBlaise
Attendees	Peter Nvytl	Community representative	Rozelle
	Ashley Douglas	Community representative	Rozelle
	Ain Kalmus	Community representative	Rozelle
	Helena Keyworth	Community representative	Iron Cove
	Ben Prag	Community representative	Iron Cove
	Brian Gorman	Community representative	Iron Cove
	Kendall Banfield	Senior Transport Planner	Inner West Council
	Manod Wickramasinghe	Traffic and Transport Planning Manager	Inner West Council
	Stuart Clark	Senior Environmental Officer	NSW EPA
	Peter Morrall	Senior Manager Environment & Sustainability	Transport for NSW
Antoinette Kovach	Senior Comms and SE Manager	Transport for NSW	
Bill Young	Stakeholder Engagement Officer	Transport for NSW	
Charles Scarf	Manager – Environment and Sustainability	JHCPB (Contractor)	
Ellena Busuttil	Mechanical Engineer	JHCPB (Contractor)	
Adrian Broger	Approval Advisor	JHCPB (Contractor)	
Verity Turner	Environment and Planning Manager	WestConnex	
Matthew Callander	Fire Life Safety and Integration	WestConnex	
Peter Redwin	Head of Operations and Maintenance	Transurban	
Nick Francesconi	Environment and Planning Manager	WestConnex	
Dr Ian Longley	Independent Air Quality Specialist	NIWA NZ	
Rob Sherry	Team Leader Compliance	DPIE	
Apologies	Chris O'Brien	A/Principal Manager Communications	Transport for NSW

Agenda Items		Action
1.	Introduction to project team and AQCCC members The Chair welcomed participants and outlined her role and background then facilitated introductions by community and Council representatives as well as the project team, Agency representatives, construction company representatives and independent advisors.	
1.1	Relationship between Transport for NSW and Transurban Verity Turner outlined the relationship between the various parties, highlighting that Transport for NSW is the proponent for the Rozelle Interchange project while John Holland CPB (JHCPB) is engaged by Transport for NSW to construct the project. The Rozelle Interchange project is scheduled to open in December 2023, at which time the project will be handed over to Transurban / WestConnex to be operated as part of the WestConnex motorway network. Verity mentioned that a separate AQCCC has been established for the M4-M5 Link Tunnels project and has been in operation since March 2021. On opening of the Rozelle Interchange project the two AQCCC's may be combined, noting that the Chair oversees both AQCCC's.	

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<p>2. Overview of the project</p> <p>Charles Scarf provided an overview of the project, including colour-coded diagrams of the multiple below ground routes and facilities. The Chair observed that as the AQCCC was new and members varied in their technical experience, a simpler 'back to basics' presentation would be welcomed to assist everyone in understanding the project, which is inherently complex. The project team suggested that a schematic diagram of ventilation outlets could be prepared to illustrate the project air quality infrastructure.</p> <p>Participants then queried the volume of particulate matter that would affect the local environment. The project team noted that this would be discussed by Dr Ian Longley in his presentation at Item 4 of the Agenda.</p> <p>Charles provided an update on the project construction progress, noting that tunnelling is now 80% complete.</p> <p>Participants expressed their views that community inputs and views had not always been acknowledged or taken into account in the project development, moreover that the findings of the Parliamentary Inquiry into the impact of the WestConnex project (2018) had also not been factored into the project development. The project team accepted these concerns, but observed that the AQCCC would be working from this point forwards on the basis of the approved project and project conditions.</p>	<p>Schematic diagram of ventilation outlets to be provided at next meeting.</p>
<p>3. Role and responsibilities of the AQCCC</p>	
<p>3.1 Terms of Reference</p> <p>Verity provided an overview of the Draft Terms of Reference for the AQCCC, which had been provided ahead of time to participants. She confirmed that these Terms of Reference mirror those for the M4-M5 Link Tunnels AQCCC.</p>	
<p>3.2 Interaction and feedback with the local community</p> <p>Participants discussed the Draft Terms of Reference and sought advice on how they could ensure their views were heard and addressed. The Chair noted that the AQCCC is able to effectively represent community views, particularly as meetings are recorded with minutes and presentation material posted online. It was noted that the AQCCC holds an advisory role in accordance with the project conditions of approval.</p> <p>Moreover, she pointed out that meeting participants include representatives of the EPA and DPIE, who by virtue of being present will hear concerns directly. These two agencies are responsible for compliance related to the project, which has very strict, quantified air quality requirements.</p> <p>Verity offered to provide the project toll-free number and email contact address which are an additional channel for complaints on the project. A summary of air quality related complaints made since the last meeting will be reported to the AQCCC at each meeting.</p> <p>Subsequent to the meeting, the project team advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the toll free number for complaints on the Rozelle Interchange is 1800 660 248. • Email complaints can be directed to info.westconnex@transport.nsw.gov.au • AQCCC questions can be emailed to AQCCC@transport.nsw.gov.au, however the Chair is the key contact for community appointees. <p>At the request of the Chair, each AQCCC member, including the community representatives confirmed their acceptance of the Terms of Reference, which may accordingly be finalised.</p>	<p>Project toll-free number and email contact address to be provided.</p> <p>Terms of Reference to be finalised.</p>

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<p>The Chair thanked participants for their response and emphasised the importance of community interaction for the AQCCC to be effective. She confirmed that she should be considered a first point of contact for community representative's matters related to air quality and the AQCCC. Nick Francesconi will be taking over from Verity as project Environment and Planning Manager, as Verity will soon be taking maternity leave.</p>	
<p>4. Overview of ventilation system and air quality monitoring stations Dr Ian Longley presented an overview of how tunnel ventilation systems work, and the relationship of the ventilations systems to air quality monitoring systems. Ian provided data relating to a number of case studies and benchmarks, ranging from the M4 East to Queen Street, Auckland and Marylebone Road, London.</p> <p>Participants raised a number of technical concerns regarding distribution of particulates from ventilation outlets, ozone and impact of wind direction. The matter of why the ventilation outlets are not equipped with filtration systems was raised, as well as dilution and dispersion.</p> <p>Ian provided high level responses, however in the interest of not prolonging the evening meeting beyond publicised closing time of 8pm, the Chair invited participants to put forward questions by email so that a longer question-and-answer session can be arranged for a forthcoming meeting.</p> <p>Nick noted that air quality is rigorously managed in terms of project Conditions of Approval, which the Chair requested be provided for participants.</p>	<p>Community reps to email the Chair with questions regarding ventilation systems.</p> <p>Project team to provide PDF of relevant air quality conditions for reference.</p>
<p>5. Agenda for the next meeting Verity flagged that one of the topics for the next meetings would address prospective locations for air quality monitoring stations, which are requirements of Conditions E24 and E25. She reiterated that correspondence going forward would be from the Chair. An Agenda will always be provided ahead of the meeting, and the Chair will liaise with community representatives ahead of the meeting regarding additional items which they may wish to be considered.</p> <p>Date for next meeting Tuesday 16 November was put forward for the next meeting date (meeting 2). Tuesday 23 November or Tuesday 14 December were proposed for the subsequent meeting (meeting 3). The Chair will liaise with participants regarding dates for the third meeting.</p>	
<p>6. Questions The Chair noted a request from a community member to be put in contact with an AQCCC community representative in order to raise issues for discussion. Alternatively, the project team is able to note issues of concern and ensure these are addressed at meetings.</p> <p>The Chair repeated that community representatives should email her questions regarding tunnel ventilation systems. Time will be allotted for a question-and-answer session at one of the forthcoming meetings.</p>	<p>Note community member request.</p>