

## Minutes

### WestConnex M4-M8 Link Tunnels AQCCC Meeting #14

Date	16/04/2024		
Time	6.00pm – 7.30pm		
Venue	Videoconference and in-person		
Independent Chair	Abigail Goldberg	Chair and Director	GoldbergBlaise
Participants	Brian Smyth King Peter Bridge Steve O'Brien	Community representative Community representative Community representative	Haberfield Haberfield Haberfield
	Scott Hodder Matthew Callander Verity Turner Genevieve Neich Kris Hinks Kylie Keogh Ashley Parnell	Program Director Major Projects NSW Fire Life Safety and Integration Environment and Planning Director Snr Community Engagement Advisor Operational Environmental Specialist Senior Media Manager Maintenance Operations Manager	WestConnex WestConnex WestConnex WestConnex WestConnex WestConnex WestConnex
	Dr Ian Longley	Independent Air Quality Specialist	NIWA NZ
	Susannah Moberly	Director Precinct Delivery Inner West, Eastern Sydney Project Office	Transport for NSW
	Christine Hodgkiss	Director, Environment and Sustainability, Eastern Harbour and Central River	Transport for NSW
	Kendall Banfield	Senior Strategic Transport Planner	Inner West Council
	Katie Purdy Aleksandra Young	Operations Officer Unit Head, Regulatory Operations Metropolitan	EPA EPA
	Rob Sherry Thomas Minchin Shelley Reed	Team Leader Compliance Senior Compliance Officer Team Leader Infrastructure Management	DPHI DPHI DPHI
	Karyn Hemming Alistair Wardrope Manod Wickramasinghe Sarah Guan	Community representative Community representative Traffic and Transport Planning Manager Graduate Strategic Transport Planner	St Peters St Peters Inner West Council Inner West Council

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1.0	<p><b>Welcome and actions from previous meeting</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed participants and put forward an Acknowledgement of Country. Apologies were noted.</p> <p>As no comments had been received on the Minutes or actions from meeting #13, these were confirmed.</p> <p><b>Declarations of interest</b></p> <p>No declarations of interest were advised.</p>	

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<p>2.0 <b>Community update on air quality matters</b></p> <p>No community matters were raised.</p> <p><b>AQCCC Annual Report</b></p> <p>The Chair confirmed that she had submitted the AQCCC Annual Report to DPHI towards the end of 2023 as required, with a copy provided for the information of AQCCC members on 26 February 2024. The Chair noted that the report is a useful aide memoire and synthesis of everything undertaken and achieved by the committee over the year.</p>	
<p>3.0 <b>Overview of AQCCC Terms of Reference</b></p> <p>Verity Turner presented a table outlining the Terms of Reference for the AQCCC and detailing areas in which compliance has already been achieved and areas where compliance is ongoing.</p> <p>In brief, the AQCCC is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required to meet four times a year</li> <li>• Expected to continue to review and provide advice on operation environmental management plans and other operation stage documents, compliance tracking reporting, audit reports, or complaints as they relate to air quality</li> <li>• To continue to provide advice on air quality issues at the AQCCC meetings and between meetings through the AQCCC Chair.</li> </ul> <p>The AQCCC is required to function for two years following commencement of operations. As such the role of the committee will be reviewed in early 2025 by WestConnex Transurban in consultation with the Chair.</p>	
<p>4.0 <b>Updates from the project team</b></p> <p><u>Overview of air quality complaints since last meeting</u></p> <p>No air quality complaints were received since the last meeting.</p> <p><u>Update on air quality monitoring stations</u></p> <p>CoA E37 requires that an audit is undertaken at six monthly intervals for the air quality monitoring (in-tunnel and ambient). The first audit was completed in December 2023 for the period 20 January to 20 July 2023. A copy of the audit report was provided to the AQCCC on 7 March 2024, for information.</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Members queried Page 5, Point 1.3.1, dot point 2, Air Quality Monitoring where Condition E22 is a reference but there is no explanation as to what E22 is specifically about unlike the explanations of the other conditions throughout the Report.</i></li> <li>• The project team undertook to raise this with the auditor and ask him to address the matter in the next audit report.</li> </ul> <p><u>Update on M4-M8 Link</u></p> <p>The project team presented a slide on Transurban's half-yearly results as made public on 8 February 2024:</p>	<p>Project team to raise the point at left with the auditor and ask him to update in the next audit report.</p>

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<p><a href="https://www.Transurban.com/content/dam/investor-centre/01/1H24-ResultsPresentation.pdf">https://www.Transurban.com/content/dam/investor-centre/01/1H24-ResultsPresentation.pdf</a></p> <p><u>Campbell Road and Parramatta Road Ventilation Facilities:</u></p> <p>The project team advised that some of the axial fans have not been operating as required in two ventilation facilities – located at Campbell Road (CRVF) and Parramatta Road (PRVF). As a result all axial fans within these two ventilation facilities have been turned off to allow for further detailed testing and investigations. Given that these facilities form part of a larger ventilation network, compensatory changes have been made across the full ventilation system to ensure that the system overall remains compliant and safe.</p> <p>As a result of the changes however, the project team advised that there are some portal emissions from two portals of the M4-M8 Link – Campbell Road, St Peters and Wattle Street, Haberfield. The project team consider these emissions to be minor, noting that pollution levels remain well below the limits required to safely operate the tunnel and within the requirements of the Minister's Conditions of Approval (MCoA) and Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) for air quality limits and goals.</p> <p>The project team advise that they continue to monitor for in-tunnel, ambient and ventilation outlet air quality. All data is also live and publicly available via the Linkt website. Air quality is also being monitored at each location. To date there is no indication that the portal emissions have a measureable impact on the surrounding community. This is to be expected due to the relatively small amount of emissions. Monitoring and modelling is ongoing.</p> <p>Relevant regulatory agencies including the DPHI, EPA and TfNSW have been notified and will continue to be consulted throughout the rectification phase.</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Members queried how many fans are now not working?</i></li> <li>• The project team advised that all of the axial fans at CRVF and PRVF are available to operate in a tunnel fire to manage smoke and protect tunnel users. The fans are not being used for normal operations until further testing and investigations have been completed. Changes have been made to the full system to address the ventilation overall e.g. jet fans are working harder as well as axial fans in adjoining ventilation facilities.</li> <li>• The project team reconfirmed that the system remains safe and compliant with the air quality limits.</li> <li>• <i>Members queried the impact on ambient air at the portals and the assertion by the project team that there was no discernible difference resulting from the axial fans being turned off with graphs indicating a change in air quality when the portal emissions began?</i></li> <li>• The project team acknowledged that there was a discernible difference on the graphs however the air quality outcomes remain compliant and a long way below the goal / benchmark. It is not yet confirmed that the change is as a result of the portal emission. However, further modelling is proposed to investigate this.</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Members queried how the community will be provided with oversight of issues such as these if they arise once the AQCCC is disbanded, and how transparency will be ensured?</i></li> <li>• <i>Members noted a further loss of confidence in the project team considering that this event has happened following on from a previous AQMS failure.</i></li> <li>• The project team noted that they remain required to report to EPA and DPHI in the same way that they have done for this event as the MCoAs govern the project for its entire operational life.</li> <li>• In addition, data will still continue to be publicly reported on the Linkt website.</li> <li>• In the event of a major issue, the project team advised that their community engagement team remains in place and would be activated to engage with the community through avenues like letterbox drops, meetings and the like.</li> <li>• DPHI advised that in the case of a major issue they would require public disclosure as well as community consultation.</li> <li>• EPA advised that for every incident there is an investigation and documentation and if it is considered to be in the community's interest there is public notification.</li> </ul>	<p><b><i>Should a major event occur subsequent to the AQCCC being disbanded:</i></b></p> <p>The <b>project team</b> remain required to report to EPA and DPHI in terms of the project Conditions of Approval and Environmental Protection Licence.</p> <p>The <b>project's community engagement team</b> would be activated to engage with the community through letterbox drops, meetings and the like.</p> <p><b>Data</b> will continue to be publically reported on the <b>Linkt website</b>.</p> <p><b>DPHI</b> would require public disclosure as well as community consultation.</p> <p><b>EPA</b> would oversee an investigation and documentation and if it is considered to be in the community's interest, public notification.</p>
<p><b>5.0 Other business</b></p> <p><u>Other business</u></p> <p>No other business relating to the AQCCC was raised.</p> <p>The forward meeting schedule is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meeting 2: 18 June 2024</li> <li>○ Meeting 3: 10 September 2024</li> <li>○ Meeting 4: 19 November 2024.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6.0 Thanks and close</b></p> <p>The Chair thanked members for their participation As above, next meeting will be 18 June 2024.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 6:47pm.</p>	