

5 June 2018

meeting minutes

Meeting	NorthConnex Air Quality Community Consultative Committee (AQCCC)	Meeting No.	4
Location	NorthConnex Boardroom Level 2, Building D 55 Coonarra Avenue, West Pennant Hills	Time & Date	Tuesday 5 June 5.30pm to 6.30pm
Independent Chair	Abigail Goldberg (minute taker)		
Committee members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AQCCC community representative: Edward Caruana • AQCCC community representative: Graham Strauss • Parramatta City Council representative: Stuart Pike (Team Leader, Health) • Hornsby Shire Council representative: Dr Ross McPherson (Chief Environmental Scientist) 		
In attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NorthConnex Project Co. Environment Manager: Ryan Butler • NorthConnex Communications Director: Damien Wilson • Lendlease Bouygues Joint Venture Construction Director: Andrew Johnson • Roads and Maritime Project Manager: Sonja Shand • Lendlease Bouygues Joint Venture Lead Mechanical Engineer: Adam Wawrzyniak 		
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AQCCC community representative: David Avery • AQCCC community representative: Paige Chowdhury • Ku-ring-gai Council representative: Anne Seaton (Manager, Compliance & Regulation) • The Hills Shire Council representative: Daniel Giffney (Environmental Health Coordinator) • NorthConnex Project Co. Project Director: Daniel Banovic • Lendlease Bouygues Joint Venture Environment & Sustainability Director: Grant Sainsbery 		

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1.0	<p>Welcome and minutes of previous meeting</p> <p>The meeting was opened at 5:45pm. The Chair welcomed participants, and noted apologies.</p> <p>Minutes from the previous meeting were agreed and approved.</p>	Final minutes from previous meeting to be distributed with draft minutes from this meeting.
2.0	<p>Declaration of interests</p> <p>No interests were noted.</p>	

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3.0	<p>Confirmation of meeting purpose</p> <p>The Chair confirmed the purpose of the meeting, which was to address the agenda as provided ahead of time and tabled at the meeting.</p>	
4.0	<p>Committee discussion on revised location of northern (Wahroonga) monitoring station:</p> <p>The Committee was briefed by the Joint Venture Construction Director regarding a change to the availability of the proposed monitoring station at the Uniting Church, which had been agreed at the preceding meeting. This location has been withdrawn as the Church is planning to build a carpark which both limits the space available, and will introduce construction dust that would distort monitoring results.</p> <p>The Construction Director and RMS Project Manager advised that a number of alternative locations had been considered, including RMS land. Suitable options were however limited, and the recommended option is a Council-owned park at Carden Avenue in Wahroonga, where an elevated position is available at sufficient distance, and wide enough angle, from other monitoring stations to provide useful information. The location is also away from trees and other potentially distorting factors.</p> <p>Members raised a number of questions regarding the location, including in relation to its position and alignment relative to the road and preceding Uniting Church location, and prevailing winds. These matters were discussed, and agreement reached that the proposed new Carden Avenue location is acceptable to the AQCCC.</p> <p>The RMS Project Manager provided an update on lease arrangements and public advertisements regarding leasing of other monitoring locations.</p>	<p>Project team to progress lease arrangements and approvals for Carden Avenue, Warhroonga monitoring station based on AQCCC acceptance of the location.</p>
5.0	<p>Appointment of air monitoring operator (in accordance with project Conditions of Approval E7):</p> <p>The Joint Venture Construction Director and Lead Mechanical Engineer advised that following consultation with DPE and EPA and a competitive tendering process, EcoTech have been nominated as the preferred air monitoring operator. The group has substantial experience in the area, and on Sydney motorways in particular. They also provided the background monitoring data for the EIS.</p> <p>Members raised a number of questions regarding the tender process, EcoTech and general monitoring</p>	<p>Project team to progress appointment of EcoTech on the basis of AQCCC acceptance of the nomination.</p>

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	<p>requirements. Following discussion, the Committee expressed approval for the EcoTech appointment.</p>	
<p>6.0</p>	<p>Overview of NorthConnex ventilation (request from committee member):</p> <p>The Joint Venture Construction Director, with input from the Lead Mechanical Engineer, presented a Powerpoint on the operation and technical specification of the tunnel ventilation systems.</p> <p>Members raised a number of questions, largely in relation to the public health impacts of ventilation outlet facilities. The risk of fire in tunnels and implications of a fire were also discussed, noting that this risk is very low but that full emergency response protocols were in place.</p> <p>Following discussion Members thanked the presenters for a helpful and informative presentation. Further technical information was requested by the Chief Environmental Scientist, Hornsby Shire Council, which the project team undertook to investigate.</p> <p>The Chair requested that presentation material be transmitted to all Committee members.</p>	<p>Project team to investigate publically available technical information and provide to Members if possible.</p> <p>Presentation material to be made available to Committee members.</p>
<p>6.0</p>	<p>Other business:</p> <p>Potential Lane Cove Tunnel visit:</p> <p>The opportunity of a Lane Cove Tunnel visit was raised by the NorthConnex Communications Director, noting that such a visit would be most informative around 8pm as more of the tunnel facilities, such as the Operations Centre, could be visited after the peak traffic period.</p> <p>Members welcomed the opportunity and it was agreed that arrangements should proceed for a site visit after the next Committee meeting. A bus will be provided for the purpose.</p> <p>Next meeting is currently scheduled for 21 August. Members requested that should it be necessary to move the time of the next meeting in order to accommodate the site visit, a Tuesday in September prior to the school holidays would be optimal.</p> <p>No other business was raised and the meeting closed at 6:52pm.</p>	<p>Lane Cove Tunnel visit to be arranged for after the next Committee meeting.</p> <p>If the timing of the meeting is required to change to accommodate this, Members expressed a preference for September before the school holidays.</p>