

Air Quality Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes

WestConnex M4-M8 Link AQCCC Meeting 18

Date	Tuesday 18 March 2025		
Time	6:00pm		
Venue	WestConnex Motorway Control Centre 33 Burrows Road, St Peters (Members attending via videoconference)		
Chair	Ross Hornsey	Chair and Director	Ethos Urban
Participants	Steve O'Brien	Community representative	St Peters
	Matthew Callander Kris Hinks Genevieve Neich Ralf Schramm Craig Watson	Fire Life Safety and Integration Operational Environmental Specialist Community and Engagement Lead Commissioning and Integration Director Maintenance Manager	WestConnex WestConnex WestConnex WestConnex WestConnex
	Dr Ian Longley	Independent Air Quality Specialist	The Air Quality Collective
	Christine Hodgkiss	Director, Environment and Sustainability, Eastern Harbour and Central River	TfNSW
	Sarah Guan	Senior Transport Planner	Inner West Council
	Ian Sharpe	Unit Head Regulatory Operations – Metropolitan	EPA (Observer)
	Rob Sherry	Team Leader Compliance	DPHI (Observer)
Apologies	Brian Smyth King Peter Bridge	Community representative Community representative	Haberfield Haberfield

Agenda Items		Action
1.0	Welcome, introduction to the new Chair, declarations of interest, actions from previous meeting	
	The Chair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country and invited any declarations of interest from participants – none were offered. Noted that minutes from the previous meeting were distributed inter-session and, with no comments received, had been accepted. 	None
3.0	Air quality items raised by community members	
	The Chair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted and confirmed there were no air quality related items raised by community members for discussion. 	None
4.0	Updates from the project team	

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<p>The Chair invited the WestConnex team to provide the meeting with an:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of air quality complaints since last meeting • Update on air quality monitoring stations. <p>The WestConnex team provided a presentation, advising there had been no air quality complaints or air quality monitoring exceedances since the last AQCCC meeting.</p> <p>A question was raised by a community member on the non-compliance items highlighted in the Independent Air Quality Monitoring Audit (WCX Stage 1 Link Mainline Tunnels & Stage 2 Rozelle Interchange E37 & E38 Audit (Audit 3: Jan-Jun 2024) distributed to members prior to the meeting. It was confirmed that all items flagged for action in the report had now been closed out, this will be confirmed formally in the next audit report expected to be released by June 2025.</p> <p>Dr Ian Longley presented a detailed presentation on 2 years of validated air quality monitoring results for the project and provided observations across all of the monitoring stations, concluding that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall, levels of traffic pollution have remained unchanged since project opening • No impacts on local air quality detected across the outlets • Worsening in PM2.5 levels is unrelated to the project and likely bushfire driven • A slight worsening of NO2 in late 2023 appears temporary and unrelated to the project and weather related • Highly localised and relatively rare impact of portal emissions observed at Albert Street are not significant. <p>The WestConnex team provided an update on variety of public information and engagement channels that were available to the community in relation to the project, including email, the project website and community engagement team contacts.</p>	None.
5.0 Other business	
<p>The Chair advised Dr Ian Longley's presentation of 2 years of validated air quality data forms the basis of the decision on whether the AQCCC is to be discontinued, having met its requirement to operate 2-years post-opening. Additionally, it will support the determination of whether WestConnex has met its obligations towards ambient air quality monitoring.</p> <p>The Chair noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WestConnex would like to propose that ambient air quality monitoring, required by Condition of Consent E26, can now conclude on the basis that 2 years of uninterrupted monitoring has been undertaken without exceedances that have been independently assessed as attributable to tunnel operations. • WestConnex believes the AQCCC has satisfied Condition of Consent E2 that it operate for 2 years after commencement of operations and that therefore it can be discontinued. 	

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<p>The Chair advised that recommendations in relation to the ceasing of air quality monitoring and discontinuation of the AQCCC would be provided for formal decision by the Secretary of DPHI.</p> <p>The Community Representative present at the meeting supported the view that WestConnex had fulfilled both obligations that the AQCCC had fulfilled its purpose.</p> <p>Confirmation on the outcome of this decision will be communicated to members of the AQCCC.</p> <p>On the basis that there was general agreement that this would be the last meeting of the AQCCC subject to decision by the Secretary, the Chair thanked all members for their contribution and participation in making the group a productive forum.</p>	