

Please note that motion was introduced at the council meeting on 27 March 2017 in seriatum ie vote on two parts separately as follows:

C0318 Item 20 Notice of Motion: Impacts of Infrastructure Projects on Annandale

Motion: (Da Cruz/Kiat)

THAT Council prepare a document summarising the impacts on Annandale, Leichhardt, Lilyfield, Rozelle, Balmain, Ashfield and Haberfield information for distribution.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, Porteous, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Cr Passas

Absent: Crs Iskandar and McKenna OAM

THAT Council holds a local public meeting in Annandale to inform the community about the current plans and proposals for major infrastructure projects, and their expected impacts on the health, safety and amenity of people living and working in the local area.

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For Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Porteous, Stamolis and Steer

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Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: IMPACTS OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ON ANNANDALE

From: Councillor Marghanita Da Cruz

MOTION:

THAT Council holds a local public meeting in Annandale to inform the community about the current plans and proposals for major infrastructure projects, and their expected impacts on the health, safety and amenity of people living and working in the local area.

Background

On Wednesday 14th March a meeting of 25 residents (almost all from Annandale) discussed the likely impacts of proposed state government infrastructure projects currently at various stages of approval on the villages of Annandale, Leichhardt, Lilyfield, Rozelle, Balmain, Pymont and Glebe. These projects and impacts include, but are not confined to:

1. WestConnex Stages 1, 2 and 3 and its worksites, including Darley Road, the Balmain Leagues Club site, Rozelle Goods Yard;
2. the Multi-User Port Facility to unload, store and distribute bulk building materials on Glebe Island. Described as being "in close proximity to CBD construction, urban renewal and a construction boom driven by \$70 billion of major infrastructure projects", it would seem this site is also to be the destination for tunnel spoil transferred by barge from the Sydney Metro tunnel's dive site at Blues Point Park;

3. Hanson's' Concrete Batching Plant relocation to Glebe Island by June 2018 on a 20 year lease;
4. the Civil Site at White Bay, to be used initially as a staging area for trucks and light vehicles working on the three WestConnex tollways and other infrastructure projects as part of the new port facilities; and
5. the Western Harbour Tunnel & Beaches Link "main construction site" at White Bay, at which it is proposed to transfer and store harbor sediment and manufacture the large concrete tunnel tubes for the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link.

While there was a WestConnex M4-M5 Link information session for Annandale residents conducted by Council at Petersham Town Hall four weeks prior, the meeting noted the briefing was not widely advertised and timing and location made attendance difficult for some workers and parents of young children to attend.

Residents were also not aware that WestConnex had changed the design of the project to create a vehicle staging area at White Bay that will send at least 80 trucks and trailers per day up Johnston Street.

But even these concerns are dwarfed by the likely impacts of an extraordinary book of related projects centred around White Bay and Glebe Island, now coming to light. The recent media leak of the preliminary EIS for the Western Harbour Tunnel & Beaches Link makes it clear the "Working Port" developments planned for White Bay and Glebe Island - the geographic centre of the villages in the bays precinct - is set to become the hub of a major, long term facility for Sydney's construction industry and the source of major disruption from noise and particle pollution and the cause of traffic chaos in the area.

The meeting of Annandale residents passed the following resolution:

This meeting of Annandale residents, parents of children and business owners, has very strong concerns about the impacts on our health, safety and amenity from the accumulating number of state government sponsored major infrastructure projects in Annandale and surrounding areas.

The meeting demanded our Inner West Council publicise and hold a public meeting, in Annandale, to inform the community about the progress of current plans and proposals for major infrastructure projects, and their expected impacts on the health, safety and amenity of people living and working in the area.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Group Manager Strategic Planning:

If this motion is supported it would cost \$1000 including hall hire and 9 hours of staff time for preparation and attendance at the public meeting. This cost does not include any advertising of the public meeting.

An alternative way would be for the Strategic Planning Team to prepare a document summarising this information for distribution, thus saving the time and costs associated with the public meeting.

I am also mindful of the subject matter being relevant to other areas including Leichhardt, Lilyfield, Rozelle and Balmain. A document on this could be made available more widely to address the needs of residents of those areas, avoid the costs associated with the public meeting and potential costs of other public meetings that may be called for on the same issue in other suburbs.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Minutes of meeting at https://innerwest.infocouncil.biz/Open/2018/03/C_27032018_MIN_WEB.htm

Agendar for meeting at: https://innerwest.infocouncil.biz/Open/2018/03/C_27032018_AGN_AT_WEB.htm