

**Minutes of Meeting  
Bankstown Community Liaison Group –Meeting 3**

**Date:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2008  
**Location:** Chester Hill Community Centre  
**Chair:** Jim Morris  
**Minutes:** Donna Bevan (ICLR), Connect Consulting

**Community Representatives**

Raymond Robb  
Allan Mansbridge  
Dale Donadel  
Raema Walker  
Stephen Carroll

**Council Representative:**

Rowan Morrison

**ARTC:**

Prue Hodgson  
Greg Mullens

**ICLR**

Donna Bevan, Connect Consulting

**EMR**

Martin Hicks GHD

**Contractors**

Daniel Rose from Gartner Rose  
Andrew Rigby from Arenco

**Guests:**

Dr Rob Bullen from Wilkinson Murray

**Welcome and introductions**

The chair welcomed CLG members, guests and introduced Donna Bevan from Connect Consulting who will act as the ICLR for the Bankstown CLG and Martin Hicks who is the project EMR.

CLG members requested that CLG meeting records should be sent to members prior to the meeting so members can consider the record of the meeting.

**Previous meeting record and matters arising**

The following changes were made to the August 2008 minutes

a. page 2 , section 3

*'insert the word Street after the word Arcadia'*

b. page 3 section 5 last dot point

*'delete the word the and replace with any.'* to reflect the general nature of the comment on retaining walls.

### **Contractor Overview**

Daniel Rose from Gartner Rose gave an overview of the station upgrades. He emphasised the importance of both safety and minimum inconvenience to the community during the upgrades.

Andrew Rigby from Arengo gave an update of progress.

- Site office located at Birrong Girls High School.
- Have commenced environmental monitoring including baseline noise and dust readings.
- Construction is still in planning stage but some commencement works such as fencing will begin in the next few weeks.
- The construction of a temporary track to accommodate trains whilst the new underground track is built is being planned.

### **Noise Assessment and control**

Dr Rob Bullen briefed the group on operational noise matters including

- Project noise criteria and how they are derived
- Calculation of noise levels for present and future noise,
- Design of noise mitigation (barriers)
- Barriers currently proposed,
- Role of community consultation

Noise Mitigation strategies for the project are informed by the following

- Where the project reduces existing noise levels (or does not increase them), physical mitigation measures (barriers) are not required.
- Where the project increases existing noise levels, mitigation should be designed with the intention of meeting noise goals
- If the exceedance of DECC goals is no more than 5dB, either now or with the project in place, barriers are not required. In general a barrier over 4m high is not considered feasible from an engineering point of view. In all cases the provision of barriers is subject to urban design considerations and to community consultation

### **Community Amenity Offset Plan (CAOP)**

Federal Government Conditions of Approval for the project includes a requirement for Environmental Action Plans (EAP) to address

- Station Access
- Car Parks
- Noise and Visual Character of the area.

In addition there are 7 categories where the project must provide "offsets" to the community to the value of \$2 million. These may include

- Landscaping and tree planting
- Public art
- Street Furniture

- Car Parking
- Improved lighting
- Increased pedestrian and cycle access
- Other appropriate measures identified during community consultation

CLG members nominated issues in the Bankstown area that could be considered in an offset plan (CAOP) including

- Noise issues
- Sefton station – change in the pavement
- Visual pollution from barriers
- Improving cycle access across rail corridor
- Diesel fumes from the freighters – in the right weather this is an issue (barrier would improve this problem)
- Native Plants – all should be replanted after the construction work has been completed
- Access to Chester Hill – there is no station upgrade as part of SSFL and it's a larger station (where as station works/upgrade at will happen at Sefton)
- Collection of pollutants from the rail corridor area – (pollutant trap to mitigate) – Wellington Road

The draft CAOP plan will be available to view for 20 days. The plan will be available in community access centres such as libraries and community centres as well. The CAOP will also be posted out to all CLG Members for perusal.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 6pm for 6.15pm.