

---

# MINUTES OF MEETING

## Fairfield Community Liaison Group - Meeting 1

DATE: Wednesday 9 July 2008 at 6:15 pm

LOCATION: Cabravale Sports Centre

Chair: Jim Morris

Minutes:  
John Murray Integrated Analysis Pty Ltd

Community Representatives: Ken Chapman  
John Medich  
Jan Collie  
Krystyna Cyron  
Momo Romic  
Dereck Corney  
Tony Fornasier  
Jim Thompson  
Janette Hannaford

ARTC:  
Prue Hodgson Community Liaison Manager  
Greg Mullins Project Manager  
Matt Hurst Consultant (Planning Urban Futures)

ICLR:  
Rowena Lennings Integrated Analysis Pty Ltd

Council:  
G Marzi De Santi Cabramatta Council

Apologies: Stella Howatt  
Dr Thomas Diep  
Dr Eman Sharobeem

### **1. Welcome, introductions, previous meeting record and matters arising - Chair**

The Chair welcomed meeting attendees and made introductions.

There were no previous Minutes to endorse.

There were no matters arising from the minutes not otherwise listed on the agenda

## **2. CLG Timetable and CLG process – Prue Hodgson, Community Liaison Manager**

The Community Liaison Manager drew attention to the dates and times of forthcoming CLG meetings until the end of 2008 and pointed out the role and function of the CLG during construction and then for two meetings post rail operations commencing.

It was confirmed that if participants had trouble attending a meeting they could nominate an alternative to attend the meeting.

## **3. Project Details – Greg Mullens, Project Manager**

The Project Manager outlined the proposed project start date. He noted that the relevant contractor would attend the next CLG meeting and discuss the schedule of construction activities in greater detail. It was noted that multiple contractors were being engaged to improve outcomes and limit construction time frames. It was confirmed that the project will need to obtain a licence from the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) before construction commences.

## **4. Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP)**

Matt Hurst presented the CEMP noting that CLG consideration of this plan was a prerequisite for construction activities. The CEMP is comprised of several sub-plans. CLG members were given a synopsis of each plan and offered the complete plan on CD. An overview of each sub plan was presented to the CLG. The Community Liaison Manager requested any comments on the CEMP and its sub plans from the CLG within two weeks.

The following is a list of issues, concerns and questions that were raised in relation to the various sub plans discussed.

### **4.1 Traffic Management Sub Plan: Questions & Issues**

It was confirmed that traffic detours are drafts and are proposed subject to consultation and input and that road closures have been approved and have been negotiated with Council. It was noted that night works could not be ruled out but ARTC would try to avoid them. For instance they would try to have the lift placed in Cabramatta Station day time during a rail track possession. Notification would be issued regarding any night time work and permission would need to be obtained from the Department of Planning for out-of-hours works.

Community representative noted that Barena Bridge closure had previously been a disaster. ARTC pointed out that in view of this they are proposing a one way operation, and that the detailed program that will be available at later CLG meetings will clarify the length of time the crossing will be affected.

Question: How will access to Canley Vale High and Prospect Road be affected?

Response: It shouldn't be overly affected because the relevant road closures will take place on a Saturday. Pedestrian access across the railway bridge will always be maintained on one side of the bridge or the other.

Question: Will there be an interruption to passenger services when you are carrying out earthworks?

Response: No we will operate behind a physical safety barrier and we will stop the operation of equipment like cranes when the trains go past. Lowering of girders will be done during rail track possessions.

#### **4.2 Noise and Vibration Sub-Plan**

The point was made that ongoing operational noise will be discussed at the next CLG meeting.

It was confirmed that the noise wall is scheduled for construction after the freight rail lines have been built but before trains commence operation.

Concerns were expressed about the impact of construction activities on the premises of the Polish Club. It was confirmed that construction activities have been designed to minimize vibration. Also a condition survey of this building would take place prior to any significant construction activity occurring nearby.

A community representative expressed concerns about impacts on town houses in Wattle Ave. It was confirmed that these properties were further away from construction activities than they appeared and ARTC would be able to manage construction so as not to affect these properties.

#### **4.3 Built Heritage Sub-Plan**

It was confirmed that aboriginal artifacts had not been detected and were not anticipated to be located in this area. It was noted that there are some heritage bridges and that Villawood Station is heritage listed but it will not be affected by the project.

#### **4.4 General Waste Sub Plan**

Council expressed interest in becoming involved in the removal and handling of waste. This was taken on notice.

#### **4.5 Community consultation and notification**

Community representative made the following points:

- Door knocking in the most impacted area is important because of low levels of literacy.
- A translation service is essential as is advertising in local community languages
- The community languages targeted needs to be reviewed because of changing demographics
- Residents on the Rail Corp (passenger train side) of the tracks should be informed as well.
- Fairfield migrant inter-agency staff association meet the last Friday of every month and can provide advice.
- Concerns that some groups of people have no representation on the CLG. Suggest that notification in community languages placed in shops could be helpful.
- Community consultation plans should be submitted to the CLG for comment
- The communication plan for site establishment could be emailed to CLG members for comment and review before the next meeting because of the short timeframe

The Community Liaison Manager confirmed that she would be planning tailored communication activities plans for specific areas. This would involve door knocking and meeting people in the local area which would alert her to specific translation requirements. She pointed out that a 40m zone from the construction activity is the recommended area for construction notifications.

She also noted that a 24 hour complaints line would be answered in ARTC offices during business hours and by a call centre after hours. In addition, she will present the Community Involvement Plan at the next meeting to obtain CLG input. Concern was expressed that this timeframe would not allow sufficient time between the CLG meeting and the start of construction.

**Action Item:** It was agreed that a description of communication activities relating to early works would be sent by email to the CLG for comment if they were to take place close to the date of the next CLG meeting.

#### **4.6.1 Urban Design Landscape Plan**

Cabramatta pavement renewal and parking allocation plan will be brought to the next meeting. There will be a reduction of parking spaces as a result of construction so there is a need to provide replacement parking.

Brookfield Street Cycleway will be affected as it will be integrated into traffic lanes. There will be a presentation of the plans at the next meeting.

#### **Parking impacts**

ARTC confirmed that there would be no net loss to parking and that new parking arrangements would be put in place before parking was lost.

ARTC noted that four more security cameras would be installed in the Cabramatta Station area.

#### **4.7 Erosion and Water Sub Plan**

Concern was expressed about impact on Cabramatta Creek.

ARTC pointed out that controls would be put in place to prevent sediments before they reach the creeks and that they would protect the banks.

#### **4.8 Biodiversity Sub Plan**

Question: A community representative asked if there was any likelihood of damage to the Cabramatta Creek bat colony.

Response: No the works should not impact on the bat colony.

## **5 General Business**

Copies of the complete plans were provided on CD.

Detailed plans were requested for distribution at CLG meetings

Meeting closed: 8.05pm

## **6 Next Meeting**

When: Wednesday 30 July, 2008 at 6.15pm.