

**Western Sydney Aerotropolis  
Community Consultative Committee**

**Meeting No:** 11

**Date:** 2 August 2022, 6:30pm - 8pm

**Venue:** Zoom

**Chair:** Professor Roberta Ryan, Western Sydney Aerotropolis Independent Community Commissioner

**Minutes:** Georgia Peters, office of the Community Commissioner

<b>Attendees</b>	
<p><b>Community members</b> Sam Aloï Helen Anderson Paul Buhac Gabiella Condello Rob Heffernan Joe Herceg Ross Murphy Paul Taglioli Sascha Vukmirica Diana Vukovic Wayne Willmington</p> <p><b>Other attendees</b> Mayor Ned Mannoun, Liverpool City Council  Fiona Duncan, Communications Manager, Department for Planning and Environment (DPE)  Rob Parker, Manager Community Engagement Airport Construction, Western Sydney Airport  Megan McKay, Communications and Engagement Manager, Sydney Metro  Charles Wiafe, Manager, Traffic at Liverpool City Council  Kate Robinson, office of the Community Commissioner</p>	<p><b>Government representatives</b> Christine Gough, Director Central West, Metro West, Department of Planning and Environment (DPE)  Wendy Carlson, Precinct Place Manager, Western Parkland City Authority (WPCA)  Justine Kinch, Western Parkland City Director, Transport for NSW (TfNSW)  Natasha Borgia, City Planning Manager, Penrith City Council  Lina Kakish, A/Manager City Planning, Liverpool City Council  Katy Hannouch, General Manager Community Engagement and Partnerships, Western Sydney Airport (WSA)  Elizabeth Low, Senior Communications Manager, Sydney Metro  Michael Johnson, Community Engagement Manager, Sydney Water</p>
<p><b>Apologies</b> Fernando Ortego, Sydney Water Catherine Van Lauren, Department of Planning and Environment Roger Moss, community member Carleen Markuse, community member</p>	

Item	Description	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and introductions - RR</b>	
	<p>RR welcomes everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>RM and CM are apologies. CVL from the Department is also an apology.</p> <p>RR introduces FD from the Department of Planning. She is the new Communications Manager. MM is also introduced. She is a contractor with Sydney Metro as the Communications and Engagement Manager.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Actions from last meeting - KR</b>	
	<p>KR provides an overview of the progress on action items from the previous meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CG updates that consultation within the Department regarding planning for Wianamatta-South Creek is ongoing and that she has no further information at this stage.</li> <li>2. GC and JH's action item is still in progress and is to be carried through to the next meeting.</li> <li>3. Complete.</li> <li>4. Complete.</li> <li>5. Western Rd update from Transport NSW is provided:</li> </ol> <p>JK says that there is no further update on Western Rd extension. They have prepared a concept design and applied for Federal funding. Confirmation of this funding will not be received until the end of 2023. By the next meeting, they will have a plan which shows the concept planning for Devonshire and Western Rds, as well as the speed review.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Devonshire Rd roundabout update from Transport NSW:</li> </ol> <p>JK says they are aiming to have the works done by the end of this year, potentially as early as October. To complete this, they have to finalise the design, consult with community and do environmental assessments. This process of approval cannot be fast-tracked.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Complete.</li> <li>8. Update on Bradfield road systems:</li> </ol> <p>WC says there is no further information. The roads around Bradfield are the responsibility of Transport for NSW.</p> <p>JK confirms they are working with the Authority and DPE and working through the priority roads. They have secured funding and will be working with large and small landowners. These business cases have progressed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Still in progress, WC to provide a presentation on the multi-utility corridor in a later meeting.</li> </ol>	<p>CG to provide an update on the status of this item at the next meeting.</p> <p>GC and JH to compile a list of community queries and concerns about the Wianmatta South Creek to share with the DPIE.</p> <p>JK to provide the plan showing concept planning for Devonshire and Western Rds in next meeting.</p>

	<p>10. Complete.</p> <p>11. Complete.</p> <p>12. Metro misinformation item has been followed up and EL has identified that the person who put up the sign is a developer. It is EL's understanding that there is not a lot that can be done.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Mayor of Liverpool Council – NM</b>	
	<p>NM thanks everyone for coming. He notes that Council's Manager of Strategic Planning, LK and Manager of Traffic, CW are also present.</p> <p>RR opens for questions for the Mayor.</p> <p>JH asks for an indication of where Council is regarding flood studies on Wianamatta-South Creek. He asks who is responsible for this study, with all the development that is happening?</p> <p>LK says that the Mayor hasn't been involved in the development of the Wianamatta-South Creek framework. The Council resolution concerning the flood study was interested in doing a regional flood study. An update of the flood modelling is scheduled for consideration by Council in October.</p> <p>NM says that locals understand how the floods work and there is incongruity in the Council flood studies and what they are seeing on the ground.</p> <p>JH continues on this point, and says that the experts are wrong. Drone videos and photos over the last three extreme weather events have been sent to team members at Council. JH notes that there was a statement released by Liverpool Council saying that Sydney Water is responsible for the design of the stormwater system. Will Sydney Water be conducting its own flood study or will they be using the 2004 Council flood study?</p> <p>MJ says that they are looking at stormwater management from a regional perspective. It is taking into consideration the studies by Council and other local modelling. Council is in consultation with Sydney Water.</p> <p>RM asks about what community consultation processes are taking place before they report back in October?</p> <p>NM says that the general process is that it is put on exhibition. He is unsure if there is a more efficient way of going out to people. Some people are going to be affected but they can't call everyone.</p> <p>LK says that a few people will be specifically targeted and that they will be holding forums. They can speak to their communications team about</p>	

<p>doing targeted engagement. They are not sure whether it will be a letter, but they will host a regional forum out.</p> <p>RM asks if this means they have to wait until October to hear anything.</p> <p>LK says that they typically wait for Council to endorse it, then it will go out for engagement.</p> <p>RM says that they have been collecting data for a number of years related to flooding. This is why there is so much push-back, because the community have been telling Council that it is not accurate. There is no point finalising a report and putting it out to the community without the data that locals have been collecting for years. If Council does consider the community data, it will have to re-do the report entirely. It is better to collect community data earlier.</p> <p>NM says that they have to speak to the people doing the report. NM says they will get the experts who are doing the flood study to go to the community and get community information to ensure that it is incorporated in the report.</p> <p>LK informs the group that Madu has left Liverpool Council.</p> <p>RM suggests that the computer modelling they are doing is completely incorrect.</p> <p>NM thinks community consultation with the experts is a good suggestion.</p> <p>SA suggests that they speak to 50 properties at a time regarding water issues and development. SA says that he has issues with water on his property because of Wianamatta-South Creek and the development of Camden. He emphasises that they have to focus on mitigation before they take any further steps. SA asks what plans Sydney Water and Council have regarding this? If the plan is acquisition he believes that the affected parties need to know early. He asks if the creek is going to be widened.</p> <p>NM understands that they want certainty. He can't answer specifically about the concerned area, but he can give the example of Austral. Council is the authority responsible for that infrastructure and the sewer. It is going to take years and Austral's land has been rezoned. The Precinct Plan has probably been established since 2014-15.</p> <p>LK says that the problem in the LGA is the fragmented land and the slow pace of development in Austral.</p>	<p>LK to follow up on greater community consultation earlier in the flood study process.</p> <p>An expert involved in the flood study to attend meeting and speak to the assumptions made in their report.</p>
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<p>NM says that the Liverpool LGA got a bad deal out of the Western Sydney City Deal. The framework that was established is one Council gets an airport, but the 8 Councils have to work together and make unanimous decisions; in these meetings, only small decisions are made.</p> <p>NM continues that they have completed the first phase and now they have moved into the implementation phase, which is related to acquisition and stormwater. Liverpool Council and Western Parkland City Authority will now have a separate group as they work with the airport. This will mean that Liverpool City Council will be more involved in the process; they have been pushing for more forward funding. NM says that Austral is a mess and that they need to do something different here through forward funding for infrastructure.</p> <p>JH asks what they are presenting in October to Council regarding the flood study? The contractors only studied a limited area, they did not consider the domain of Camden Council or Windsor. Liverpool only has a small section of the Wianamatta-South Creek – it needs a holistic and multi-jurisdictional study. If this new study does not involve a complete engagement of Councils, it is useless.</p> <p>GC says that they are thankful for the work being done in Rossmore. GC recalls that Madu said in a forum she attended that they have suspended the flood study for 4-5 years. She asks for clarification.</p> <p>LK says that the October date was supposed to incorporate the Wianamatta-South Creek study that was going to be commissioned by the Department. She does not know the status of this study. That resolution was based on the commitment by the Government; they were going to use it to interrogate the flooding results. It was anticipated that they would be ready to go back in October with assumptions about the South Creek study.</p> <p>DV says that looking at historical flood mapping, Austral provides a significant comparison to Bringelly, Kemps creek, Luddenham and Badgery’s Creek. DV notes that many new homes have been built on top of flood paths. How can you justify this construction and put flood restrictions on places where it doesn’t flood?</p> <p>NM says that this construction would have been approved on the basis of a flood study stating that this land could be built on. He notes that the E-planning website has flood maps.</p> <p>RR says that there is mixed messaging from Council about where this process is going. People are impacted by different studies. RR says there is an Inquiry into flooding that has been submitted to the Premier, which might change the landscape entirely, depending on what that says.</p>	
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<p>NM says that they need to check the inputs being put into the flood study model and what factors they are taking into consideration.</p> <p>RM says that it needs to be considered in line with the broader Wianamatta-South Creek strategy. He notes that, for some reason, the Department is holding onto information about the meeting they had months ago. This information needs to be supplied before the report is done so that it can be accurate. RM is appalled about the Department's strategy and believes they were misled.</p> <p>RR says that she is following this up.</p> <p>RM raises a point concerning roads. He understands that there have been significant weather events and changes in land use. However, there are roads they have been concerned about for months and he believes that a few of these roads should be closed. It is inevitable that there will be serious accidents and there have been serious accidents.</p> <p>NM asks RM to send an email about these roads. RM says that they have gone out with Council to these roads already.</p> <p>NM says that it is a question of where the Council spends its money. Liverpool has the same amount of potholes as the Inner West Council, which is a tenth of the size of the Liverpool Council LGA. They are currently getting staff to look at the roads, but the approval process takes months because Council bureaucracy is slow. They also do not have the funds to fill all of these potholes. NM believes they need to forward plan this infrastructure.</p> <p>WC asks for more information around suburb naming.</p> <p>NM says that the suburb name Badgerys Creek will be changed to Cabrogal. Only a small part of what is currently known as Badgery's Creek will remain under this name (from above Elizabeth Dr). The Aerotropolis will be renamed to Bradfield.</p> <p>SA notes that Liverpool Council only have a few people to repair roads. Why can't people working for other Councils be brought in to assist?</p> <p>NM confirms that this happens. It happened recently with Liverpool Council receiving some assistance from Cumberland Council.</p> <p>LK notes that there is a conflict between having construction vehicles for the airport and metro and the existing poor conditions of the roads. The advice received from Transport for NSW for the Metro is that the repairs will take place in a systematic way – it has to be worked through as part</p>	<p>NM to organise a discussion with the experts doing the study to identify the methodology.</p>
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	<p>of the delivery of the project. They are not able to mandate loads on vehicles in order to facilitate the construction of the Metro.</p> <p>LK says they are trying to understand the impacts on Austral and apply these lessons to Liverpool. They are exploring collector roads so they are not done in a fragmented way.</p> <p>DV asks about renaming of Badgerys Creek – will this reflect the residents on Lawson Rd?</p>	<p>NM to determine the geographic limits of the suburb renaming.</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Agency updates</b>	
4.1	Department of Planning and Environment - CG	
	<p>CG provides an update on riparian streets. CG shares her screen with maps.</p> <p>CG discusses what a Strahler stream is. Strahler streams are protected under the <i>Water Management Act 2000</i>, which means that they need to be in a riparian corridor. The Precinct Plan attempted to align the riparian corridor with the roads, so that they were not left in private ownership.</p> <p>PB asks why this was done in one particular area? He believes that it is only in the Aerotropolis that it has been applied.</p> <p>CG says that this is because of the intensity of the activity.</p> <p>PT asks if riparian corridors will be under or next to the road? How are people going to walk through the water when it rains if it is next to the road?</p> <p>CG says that it is adjoining the road and that there is dual frontage. There is the ability to put crossings over the riparian corridors as long as they adhere to the <i>Water Management Act</i>.</p> <p>JH asks about the road network along Wianamatta-South Creek, which follows the flood line. He says that according to CVL those roads will be pushed back to follow the new flood lines and new plans will be released. He asks if that has occurred?</p> <p>CG to get back to JH on this question. There is flexibility in the plan to move the local road.</p> <p>CG continues that there are ongoing meetings with WSA and the Federal Government in terms of flight paths and noise, including ongoing industrial noise and how that will be monitored, as well as its impact on Luddenham.</p>	<p>CG to send the information sheets and maps to the group.</p> <p>CG to get back to JH on the question of moving the road.</p>

	<p>GC asks whether CG will be at the next meeting if she will be able to provide clarity about the above.</p> <p>CG is not responsible for this area.</p> <p>RR says that she is pursuing a speaker on the issue. Currently, Cabinet and other authorities are unable to speak about it.</p> <p>PT asks about waste and stormwater management in Bradfield City.</p> <p>KR says that she sent a query about the above to Sydney Water. MJ provides some detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sydney Water is looking at servicing the Aerotropolis.</li> <li>- With specific areas such as Bradfield, they are having discussions with WC.</li> </ul> <p>PT says that FO mentioned that it is being done by State Planning and that Sydney Water has nothing to do with it. PT's area is not classified as a priority area in this work, even though it is.</p> <p>MJ to take this on notice.</p> <p>RR asks who is doing waste and storm water?</p> <p>WC says she needs to go back to the team and get some clarity to be reported in the next meeting.</p> <p>PB asks about a document he does not recall being on exhibition. It was published in late 2021 concerning storm water management.</p> <p>MJ says that on p. 11 the document that PB refers to has information about its public exhibition. It happened in December.</p>	<p>MJ and FO from Sydney Water to provide an update on Bradfield storm and wastewater management.</p> <p>MJ to look at PT's property in detail regarding the priority area categorisation.</p> <p>WC to provide clarity about who is responsible for waste and storm water.</p>
4.2	Transport for NSW – JK, EL	
	<p>JK provides an update about the intersections of Devonshire and Western Rds. They are planning to come to this group next month with a consolidated look at the solutions for this area until the Elizabeth Dr upgrade is fully delivered. This will include a timeframe and the design for Western and Devonshire Rds. The speed zone review is underway. Once they have done the review and approvals process, it could be approved in six weeks. Other activities in this area include an additional leg at the roundabout at Badgery's Creek Rd. Construction formally starts on 5 August.</p> <p>JK says that they are continuing with the social media and education campaign after a review in April/May to test whether they were reaching enough people.</p>	

	<p>DV asks about the construction of the M12 occurring on the 5 August; what is happening with construction now?</p> <p>DV asks about the survey targeting the businesses about Elizabeth Dr. Why isn't the survey targeting community and residents?</p>	<p>JK to inform DV and RR about the M12 construction.</p>
4.3	Sydney Water - FO	
4.4	Sydney Metro - LL	
	<p>EL provides an update on the demolition of St Mary's. This site has been handed over to the contractors. The work is 90% complete and will be finished in the next two months. The road work around Badgery's Creek has also been handed over to the contractors.</p> <p>EL says that the sub-stratum acquisition that occurs to get land for tunnels finishes at the end of the month. This acquisition process will be complete and she mentions the tunnel alignment tool that is now available.</p> <p>RR opens for questions.</p> <p>JH asks if they are acquiring the properties which the tunnel is going under.</p> <p>EL says that their process of acquisition commenced in January and February and a letter was sent out to relevant properties. A month later, people received proposed acquisition letter with a link to tunnel alignment tool.</p> <p>JH asks if this is different to when they do road tunnels?</p> <p>MM clarifies that they purchase the substratum, which is the land below. They do not acquire the land that the home is on.</p> <p>JK says that they received RR's email to the Minister for Roads outlining the community's top three concerns. JK notes that there is a gap between the crash data and what the community is seeing and recording.</p> <p>KR says that they need to ascertain why this data is different.</p> <p>RR highlights that RM has pointed out that not all incidents are reported with the police, such as near misses.</p> <p>JK to follow this up and potentially have someone to present on the data they receive.</p>	<p>JK to organise a presentation of the crash data they have received.</p>

4.5	Western Parkland City Authority – WC	
	<p>WC says that most would have received their quarterly newsletter. She highlights the community drop-in session being held on the <b>20<sup>th</sup> of August, 10am - 2pm at the Bringelly Community Centre.</b></p> <p>They did some door-knocking at the perimeter of the Aerotropolis to let neighbours know that construction of the first building is happening this year.</p> <p>WC continues that utilities and roads will be coming later. WC is happy to receive questions and bring back answers to the next meeting or via email.</p> <p>PT asks what the first building is for?</p> <p>WC says that the first building will be a visitor and research center. The construction of this building will take about a year.</p> <p>JH asks when construction starts?</p> <p>WC says it will start in September. Big works will happen at the beginning of 2023.</p>	<p>WC to follow up the question of sewer water and report back to the group in the next meeting.</p>
4.6	WSA Co – KH, RP	
	<p>WSA Co provides an update.</p> <p>RP says they have a landslide contractor on site now. The terminal contractor will cease to enter via Badgerys Creek Rd and will start entering from Northern Rd. Adams Rd progress is ongoing and they are hoping to asphalt that soon. They will provide updates to the community about how this is progressing.</p> <p>DV raises flood mitigation as a grave issue and notes that they need to release water out of the dam before flooding events. The fences of residents have been damaged and the airport has completely changed the flooding dynamics. She says if the flooding caused by the WSA is not rectified there will be a class action.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<b>AOB - RR</b>	
	<p>DV raises her IT issues and asks if anyone else is having significant issues with internet and landlines? She is with Telstra and is having issues with the rain events and the copper cabling.</p> <p>GC says they have NBN and it works well.</p> <p>DV wants to know what kind of internet the airport will have.</p>	

	<p>SV is using the same internet as the airport; it is a specialist provider. It is W3.</p> <p>PT says that when they were on ADSL, the internet would go down every rain event.</p> <p>KR says that are pursuing multiple avenues including the Ombudsman, and with this new information, potentially with Telstra.</p> <p>WC to follow up regarding the plans for servicing Bradfield. WSA Co to also advise about its internet service levels.</p>	
	<p><b>Next meeting:</b> 6 September 2022, 6:30pm – 8pm</p>	