ITEM 43. PARKING – NO PARKING – PORTLAND STREET WATERLOO

TRIM RECORD NO: 2015/599366

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the eastern kerb space of Portland Street, Waterloo, between the points 36.6 metres and 54.6 meters (three car spaces) south of Clarendon Street as "No Parking".

DECISION

BACKGROUND

A resident of Walker Street has requested the City to consider removing parking in Portland Street to ensure unobstructed access to rear lane property access.

COMMENTS

The kerb space on the eastern side of Portland Street, south of Clarendon Street, is a mixture of unrestricted parking and "No Stopping".

Portland Street is approximately 4 metres wide and provides rear-lane property access to houses fronting Walker and Morehead Streets.

Under existing conditions when a vehicle parks in Portland Street, two-way traffic flow is reduced to a single lane. This restricts rear-lane property access for houses fronting Walker and Morehead Streets.

Rule 198 of NSW Road Rules 2008 prohibits drivers from parking in a way that obstructs access to any driveway at any time. In narrow streets like Portland Street, vehicles parking opposite driveways obstructs or prevents vehicles from entering or exiting these driveways. Section 6 of the Roads Act 1993 gives adjoining land owners a right of vehicle access to the public road.

On-site inspection shows there is a need to provide a "No Parking" restriction to maintain rear-lane property access.

CONSULTATION

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 108 letters sent out with no responses supporting the proposal and two responses opposing the proposal due to loss of on-street parking spaces on Portland Street.

FINANCIAL

Funds are available in the current budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Parking – No Stopping – Portland Street Waterloo

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