### ITEM 26. CAR SHARE – MERRIMAN STREET MILLERS POINT

TRIM RECORD NO: 2015/530062

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the western side of Merriman Street, Millers Point between the points 10 metres and 15 metres (one car space) north of Bettington Street as "No Parking Car Share Vehicles Excepted Zone GG" subject to the following:

(A) The City will only install signage for the car share space when GoGet has a car to occupy the space.

### **DECISION**

### **BACKGROUND**

The City is committed to providing dedicated parking for car sharing across the Local Government Area as part of a Council-approved Car Share Policy.

### **COMMENTS**

At the November 2015 meeting of the Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee (LPCTCC), the Committee considered a proposal for a dedicated car share space in Bettington Street, Millers Point (Item 27).

Committee members discussed the merits of the proposal and resolved to defer the Item to determine whether the proposed space could be relocated to Merriman Street, Millers Point.

Following the LPCTCC meeting, City staff investigated the potential relocation of the proposed space to western kerb of Merriman Street, immediately outside Barangaroo Reserve. The investigation supported the relocation.

The car share space will be installed and managed in accordance with the Roads and Maritime Service's Technical Direction 2007/04 and the provisions of the Council-approved Car Share Policy.

Car sharing is popular in more than 600 cities worldwide, and research has shown substantial environmental benefits. Car sharing reduces total urban driving, reduces household vehicle holdings, and increases walking, cycling and public transport use.

On average, each car share vehicle in the City can replace up to 12 private vehicles that would otherwise compete for parking. In the twelve months to July 2013, membership in the City has risen by around 350 members per month.

Current membership is approximately 27,157, of which 7,299 are business members.

As of October 2015, there were 127 GoGet car share members within a 250 metre radius of this location with 17 members in Argyle Place and eight members in Dalgety.

Within a 250 metre radius of this location, there are currently five spaces allocated for GoGet car share vehicles.

# **CONSULTATION**

The City notified the same 77 properties consulted on the original proposal via letterbox drop that the proposed space would be relocated from Bettington Street to Merriman Street. Following notification, the City received no responses on the revised proposal.

# **FINANCIAL**

Funds are available in the current budget.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Car Share - Merriman Street Millers Point

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