

**ITEM 50. OTHER AUTHORITIES – PARKING – BUS ZONE – HARBOUR  
STREET SYDNEY**

**TRIM RECORD NO: 2016/487170**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the western side of Harbour Street, Sydney, between the points 80.5 metres to 103 metres (four car spaces) north of Pier Street as “Bus Zone”.

**VOTING MEMBERS FOR THIS ITEM**

<b><i>Voting Members</i></b>	<b><i>Support</i></b>	<b><i>Object</i></b>
Property NSW		
Roads and Maritime Services		
NSW Police – Sydney City LAC		
Representative for the Member for Sydney		

**DECISION**

**BACKGROUND**

Development consent has been granted by NSW Planning and Environment (DPE) for a proposed mixed use development on land located between the Western Distributor elevated roadways and within the Darling Harbour/ Cockle Bay tourist and entertainment precinct in the western fringe of Sydney CBD.

The proposed development includes demolition of the existing IMAX building and the construction of a new 25-storey ribbon building and a separate two storey building, incorporating hotel and serviced apartments, retail, restaurant, function space and a new IMAX cinema.

The current programme for the redevelopment includes six months of demolition works, followed by 35 months of main structure works.

As part of the redevelopment of the site, the existing taxi rank and time-restricted bus zone on Wheat Road, adjacent to the IMAX site, will be required to be temporarily closed in order to realign Wheat Road and construct the hotel porte cochère. The closure of Wheat Road is expected to occur in early 2017, after the summer school holidays.

Outside the bus zone period (9:00pm to 6:00am), the zone becomes an overflow taxi zone, with capacity for five vehicles, to support the taxi rank located immediately to the north. It is understood that the taxi rank is a ‘Secure Taxi Rank’ between 10:00pm and 5:00am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (only for Public Holidays).

Sydney Explorer buses currently use Wheat Road, with a stop (stop 18) located within the above bus zone. The proposed Wheat Road closure will occur after Sydney Explorer’s Convention Centre stop 17 on Darling Drive is reopened in December 2016, following the

completion of the Sydney International Convention Exhibition & Entertainment Precinct redevelopment.

Coaches also use the Wheat Road bus zone at times for set-down and pick-up activities.

## **COMMENTS**

The western side of Harbour Street, between Liverpool and Pier Streets is currently signposted as “No Parking Roads and Maritime Services Vehicles Excepted”. It is proposed to reallocate parking for the kerb space as “Bus Zone” and “No Parking – Roads & Maritime Services Vehicles Excepted” to address the Wheat Road closure and displacement of the bus zone adjacent to the IMAX site.

Consultation with Transport for NSW, Property NSW and the Sydney Explorer operators has identified this location as the alternative stop 18 for the Sydney Explorer bus route.

The alternative stop location will be open before the closure of the existing Wheat Road stop to allow customers and nearby hotels to familiarise themselves with the new stop location.

There is also opportunity for coaches to use the bus zone for set-down and pick-up activities. Notwithstanding, there are existing coach parking zones for set-down and pick-up activities further north along Wheat Road outside Sydney Aquarium or Lime Street, behind King Street Wharf. Bus NSW has been advised of the temporary closure of the Wheat Road bus zone.

There are currently ongoing discussions with Transport for NSW, Property NSW and NSW Taxi Council on the proposed removal of the existing Wheat Road taxi rank. The nearest taxi ranks to the site are located within 300 metres, on Sussex Street, between Market Street and Druitt Street (outside Darling Park), and Harbour Street, north of Liverpool Street (outside Darling Quarter).

These locations are being investigated by Transport for NSW to become “Secure Taxi Rank” between 10:00pm and 5:00am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (only for Public Holidays). A separate proposal will be prepared for this once a suitable location is determined.

## **CONSULTATION**

Transport for NSW, Roads and Maritime Services and the Sydney Explorer operators were consulted on the proposal, which is required as a result of the Wheat Road closure and subsequently support the proposed relocation. Bus NSW has been advised of the temporary closure of the Wheat Road bus zone.

In addition, Property NSW is also being consulted on the location and messages on wayfinding signs that will be strategically provided on the development site’s construction hoarding and/or around the precinct to guide pedestrians around the works site and to available bus zone and taxi rank facilities in the vicinity.

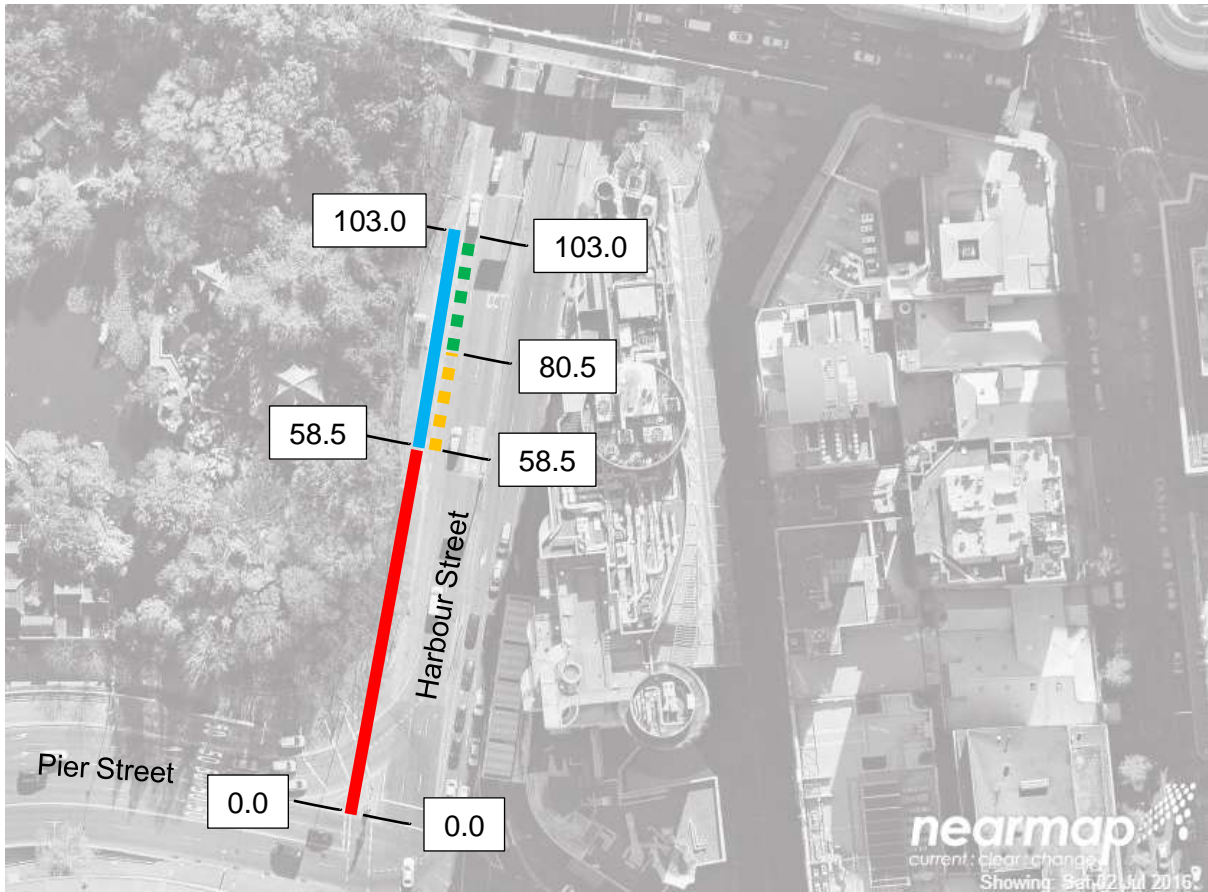
## **FINANCIAL**

All cost associated with the proposal will be borne by the Developer.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Other Authorities – Parking – Bus Zone – Harbour Street Sydney

Paul Robinson, Acting Executive Director, Property NSW



Note: chainage based on approximate location of existing parking sign posts.

**Existing**



*No Stopping*

**Existing**



*No Parking – Roads & Maritime Services Vehicles Excepted*

**Proposed**



*No Parking – Roads & Maritime Services Vehicles Excepted*

**Proposed**



*Bus Zone (and Sydney Explorer Stop 18 – Chinese Gardens)*



**Proposal**

Other Authorities – Bus Zone, Harbour Street, Sydney