

**ITEM 57. PARKING - KING STREET BETWEEN BROWN STREET AND  
WATKIN STREET NEWTOWN**

**TRIM RECORD NO: 2016/592818**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee note the reallocation of parking on the southern side of King Street, Newtown as follows:

- (A) between the points 23.6 metres and 94.4 metres, east of Brown Street, as “Loading Zone Ticket 8.30am-3pm Mon-Fri”, “Clearway 3pm-7pm Mon-Fri” and “4P Ticket 7pm-12am Mon-Fri, 8am-12am Sat-Sun & Public Holidays, ¼ P Free” (12 car spaces).

**VOTING MEMBERS FOR THIS ITEM**

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

**DECISION**

**BACKGROUND**

In early 2015, there were three (3) sites selected on King Street, Newtown to provide short lengths of late night Taxi Zones to improve access to taxis at night.

The three sites are as follows:

- “Taxi Zone 6pm-6am” (2 car spaces) on the northern side of King Street, east of Egan Street;
- “Taxi Zone 7pm-6am” (3 car spaces) on the southern side of King Street, between Brown Street and Watkin Street; and
- “Taxi Zone 7pm-6am” (3 car spaces) on the southern side of King Street, between Whateley Lane and Church Street.

However, there is consistent illegal parking in the zones due to a number of factors such as, the short length of taxi zones (12 to 18 metres in length) and multiple messages displayed on signs which caused poor parking compliance. Taxis cannot always access the spaces so there was no real transport benefit and therefore the signs needed to be reviewed.

**COMMENTS**

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) proposes that parking on the southern side of King Street, Newtown between Brown Street and Watkin Street be reallocated to remove the existing part-time taxi zone and replace with 4P parking.

The existing kerbside parking in this section of King Street is afternoon peak Clearway, Loading Zone, part-time Taxi Zone and 1P/3P/4P parking.

The late night ranks assist patrons to promptly leave the area at night, reduce waiting times and frustration, and minimise anti-social behaviour.

Police, NSW Taxi Council and the City of Sydney support the removal of the part-time taxi zone, retaining the Clearway and provide new Loading Zone and 4P parking restrictions to match.

King Street is a State Road under RMS control so that the approval and installation of these changes are their responsibility.

### **CONSULTATION**

City of Sydney has consulted with local businesses in the area and there is general support for the change to the taxi arrangements.

NSW Taxi Council support the change to parking, as it will assist their operations and increase visibility of taxis in the area.

### **FINANCIAL**

Funds are available in Transport for NSW current budget.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Parking - King Street between Brown Street and Watkin Street Newtown

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- No Stopping
- Clearway 3pm-7pm Mon-Fri
- Taxi Zone 7pm-6am Fri-Sat
- Loading Zone 8.30am-3pm Mon-Fri
- 3P Ticket 7pm-10pm Mon-Fri ¼ P Free
- 4P Ticket 8am-10pm Sat-Sun & Public Holidays ¼ P Free
- 1P 8am-3pm Mon-Fri ¼ P Free
- 4P Ticket 8am-7pm Sat-Sun & Public Holidays ¼ P Free



## EXISTING

Parking restrictions on the southern side of King Street, between Brown street and Watkins Street, Newtown





- No Stopping
- Clearway 3pm-7pm Mon-Fri
- Loading Zone 8.30am-3pm Mon-Fri
- 4P Ticket 7pm-12am Mon- Fri 8am-12am Sat-Sun & Public  
Holidays ¼ P Free



## PROPOSAL

Parking restrictions reallocation on the southern side  
of King Street, between Brown Street  
and Watkins Street, Newtown

