

**ITEM 27. PARKING – PERMIT PARKING – BENNETT STREET NEWTOWN**

**TRIM RECORD NO: 2016/429076**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on Bennett Street, Newtown as follows:

- (A) Northern side between the points 15 metres and 62.5 metres (six parking spaces) west of Queen Street as “2P 8am-10pm, Permit Holders Excepted, Area 22”, and
- (B) Southern side between the points 10.5 metres and 81 metres (19 parking spaces) west of Queen Street as “2P 8am-10pm, Permit Holders Excepted, Area 22”.

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

**DECISION**

**BACKGROUND**

The City has received requests from residents of Bennett Street, Newtown to install “2P 8am-10pm, Permit Holders Excepted, Area 22” in the street to improve access to parking near their homes.

**COMMENTS**

The kerb space on the northern and southern side of Bennett Street, Newtown west of Queen Street is either unrestricted for parking or signposted as “2P 8am-10pm Mon-Fri, Permit Holders Excepted, Area 22”.

Residents of the street have requested the existing permit parking restriction be extended to include weekends. On the weekends, long stay visitors from nearby Carriageworks and the markets are taking up all the parking spaces. The residents has also requested that the unrestricted spaces be allocated with permit parking to improve the availability of parking near their homes.

Parking occupancy surveys undertaken in Bennett Street indicate that more than 90% of the spaces are occupied during peak hours. The occupancy rate increases to more than 95% on weekends. On-site inspections show that parking in Bennett Street is close to capacity and there is a need to provide additional permit spaces to improve resident access to on-street parking.

The proposed changes would limit any vehicle which does not have a permit to 2 hours of parking from 8am to 10pm, every day where the signs are installed.

Residents with an Area 22 parking permit will be exempt from the 2-hour time limit.

A two-hour parking limit is preferred for streets in the inner residential areas as it better balances the long-stay parking needs of permit holders with the needs of all households to use parking for visitors, family, carers and tradespeople.

### **CONSULTATION**

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 254 letters sent out with 11 responses supporting the proposal and three responses opposing the proposal.

The responses supporting the proposal agreed that extending the timed permit parking to weekends is needed to improve parking turnover and access available on-street parking.

The responses opposing the proposal were based on the grounds that:-

- The change will transfer parking demand into Queen, Forbes and Wilson Streets which is currently unrestricted on weekends.
- Visitors to the area will be impacted by the proposed parking changes.

However, this proposal for Bennett Street would comply with the recommendations of the City's Neighbourhood Parking Policy. Changes to the restrictions in other streets would only be considered if they are supported by the residents of those streets.

### **FINANCIAL**






Funds are available in the current budget.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

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James Nguyen, Engineering Traffic Officer



	No Stopping (Existing)		No Parking (Existing)
	Unrestricted (Existing)		2P 8am – 10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area 22 (Proposed)
	2P 8am-10pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 22(Existing)		

Source: Nearmap -- Tuesday 27 April 2010

PROPOSAL

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