

**Item 27.****Car Share - Macdonald Street, Erskineville**

TRIM Container No.: 2020/390518

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the southern side of Macdonald Street, Erskineville east of Eve Street as follows:

- (A) Between the points 10.6 metres and 21.1 metres as "No Stopping"; and
- (B) Between the points 21.1 metres and 26.6 metres as "No Parking Car Share Vehicles Excepted Bay 83".

**Voting Members for this Item**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Object</b>
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Transport for NSW	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police – South Sydney PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Heffron	[Insert]	[Insert]

**Advice**

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

**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.

In December 2019, the Committee endorsed a proposal to upgrade Macdonald Street, Erskineville as part of the Ashmore Precinct Improvement Plan. The improvements, currently under construction, consisted of cycle, pedestrian and amenity improvements and included a pedestrian crossing across Macdonald Street, east of Eve Street.

The pedestrian crossing and road works require an existing car share space to be relocated to the east to facilitating vehicle access during the road works. The relocation of the car share space was omitted from the original design. Given the car share space is well-utilised, the space is proposed to be retained. At the end of the road works the car share space will be located within an indented parking bay.

## **Comments**

The kerb space on the southern side of Macdonald Street, Erskineville east of Eve Street, is currently endorsed as "2P 8am-8pm".

The car share space will be installed and managed in accordance with the Transport for New South Wales Technical Direction 2018/001 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.

## **Consultation**

A consultation and community engagement process has been undertaken for the wider proposal. This has included approximately 1500 letter drops to properties in Erskineville along with exhibit of Review of Environmental Factors on the City's website. There were 57 responses supporting the proposal and 55 responses opposing the proposal.

Submissions supporting the proposal noted how the proposal would improve safety, amenity and functionality of the street. Submissions opposing the proposal noted the loss of on-street parking, existing trees and traffic impacts resulting from nearby future extension works continuing from Macdonald Street to Mitchell Road.

Given that the existing car share space is well-utilised, it is considered important to retain access to the car share space to maximise the effectiveness of available kerb space in line with the City's Car Share Policy.

## **Financial**

Funds are available in the current budget for the Macdonald Street Upgrade Project.

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