



November 6, 2016

Mr. Dick Persson
Administrator
Northern Beaches Council

Dear Mr Persson,

Demand Management Report for the Church Point Precinct

We have reviewed the report going to Council on November 8 and appreciate it has addressed many of the issues we have previously raised. We thank Council for their consideration and consultation on these matters.

There are still two issues that, when examined closely, significantly disadvantage the Offshore communities which we believe in application will provide little or no real practical advantage to others.

These issues are:

1. The 8P CPPP exempt 6pm to 6am spaces proposed for Botham's Beach where no such restriction currently applies
2. The 6pm to 6am spaces proposed for our local streets where no such restriction currently applies

In addition to the above, we would like to see recorded the matter of the future tenure of the leased spaces and that this be raised as an item for review.

To summarise our concerns about the specific parking spaces that are currently available and which will be lost or restricted:

- 30 x spaces will be lost due to safety issues on the back roads which we accept and support
- 5 x more spaces will no longer be fully CPPP exempt in the existing carpark as they are to be changed to 4P 6am to 6pm (with no CPPP exempt)
- 53 x spaces in the back roads proposed to be 4P 6am to 10pm
- 10 x spaces at Botham's Beach proposed to be 8P CPPP exempt 6pm to 6am

This is a net loss of 98 x parking spaces (30 + 68) that people had access to for parking without the need to get in their boat and come across the water to the mainland to move their vehicle. We will be investing \$6 million over the next 10 years into Council owned infrastructure and \$150,000 per annum in perpetuity to maintain it. Is this fair?

In relation to the spaces at Botham's Beach, we request these spaces be returned to their current status which is CPPP exempt 24/7/365. These spaces do not need to be changed from what currently exists. We had assumed from our discussions with Council that this was the case and were quite surprised to see this in the Council report.

With regards to the spaces in our local streets, we understand Council has had further consultation with the residents affected and found very little support for any variation to the changes being proposed. We take issue with this position.

The purpose of the changes to our local streets was to address the concerns of safety and warehousing of vehicles. We accept and support both of these concerns. However, if these spaces were made 4P 6am to 6pm weekends and public holidays exempt, this would deal with the warehousing issue while not forcing Offshore residents who park there to get in their boats, a wasteful and potentially dangerous exercise in adverse weather, to come across the water and shuffle their car into another space.

Council removing 30 cars, widening the road and limiting the parking to 4p 6am to 6pm weekends and public holidays excepted will have addressed the legitimate concerns of the residents of the back streets.

We ask Council to reconsider the parking arrangements in this area to be 4P 6am to 6pm weekends and public holidays exempt. This favours no particular group either Onshore, Offshore or visitors, yet still address the concerns of the residents of these streets.

Lastly, we have requested that after the loan is fully paid that the leased spaces be returned to the public pool. We have been told that Council cannot make this commitment ten years in advance (if Council can make a loan commitment for 10 years not sure why not). If this is the case, then we ask for at least a clause be inserted into the record that:

- ***After the loan is fully paid the tenure of the leased spaces will be reviewed***

What we would want the clause to say is:

- ***After the loan is fully paid the tenure of the leased spaces will be reviewed with the intent to restore the leased spaces back into the public pool of car parking spaces.***

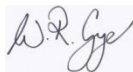
We believe we have always endeavoured to liaise with Council in a constructive and non-confrontational manner looking to resolve issues fairly. We feel the above requests are reasonable given the scale of our financial contribution and that our requirements to access our homes from Church Point are not optional.

Yours sincerely



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