

9. TRAVIS ROAD - PETITION FOR ROADSIDE RESERVE

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The purpose of this report is to respond to a petition to the Board requesting improvements to the edging on Travis Road between Burwood Road and Frosts Road.

A petition containing 133 signatures was received by the Board at its meeting on 19 November 2001. The petition requested that *"the Council urgently address the edging to the roadside reserve along the north side of QE II Drive from Burwood Park roundabout to Frosts Road."*

Concern has been raised by local residents over a period of time at the condition of the grassed area on the north side of Travis Road in front of the Travis Country housing subdivision. This area has been used in the past by motorists to offer motor vehicles for sale. In accessing this area, vehicles have damaged the surface drainage system and grassed area, increasing maintenance problems.

Although parking on grass berms and the displaying of vehicles for sale is not permitted by City Bylaws, parking restrictions were imposed along this area, to assist in the enforcement of this Bylaw.

An inspection of the edge of seal condition along this section of Travis Road was carried out by the City Streets Maintenance management staff and repairs were undertaken in December 2001. Grass seed will be sown in the Autumn where soil has been replaced.

At its meeting on 30 July 2001 the Community Board recommended to the City Services Committee that *"some low planting be carried out along the front of Travis Country Estate to create at least a visual barrier to off-road parking."* The Council adopted the Board's recommendation at its meeting on 23 August 2001. The eastern entrance to Travis Country Drive is approximately 800 metres from the roundabout at Burwood Road. It would cost \$13,600 to landscape (\$17 per square metre) and \$12,800 to install post and cable (\$16 per metre) along this section of the arterial road.

There is currently no budget for planting as requested by the Community Board. It was also recommended that *"a joint City Services Committee/Community Board working party be convened to consider Travis Road Traffic issues"*. It is suggested that the request for landscape work be considered by the joint working party. It would be inappropriate to consider allocating funds for landscaping work in this area until the outcome of the planned review of traffic management along this section of Travis Road has been completed.

It is suggested that no landscape work be carried out at this time, and the area be maintained in a safe and tidy condition until the outcome of the review is known.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board refer the request for some low planting along the front of Travis Country Estate to a joint Board/Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee Working Party.
 2. That the grassed area in front of the Estate be maintained in a safe and tidy condition by the City Streets Unit until the outcome of a planned traffic management plan is known.
 3. That the organiser of the petition be informed of this report.

- Chairperson's Recommendations:**
1. That officers proceed with landscaping the area along the front of Travis Country Estate to prevent car parking as soon as possible once a source of funding is identified.
 2. That the landscaping be appropriate for the purpose and of a temporary nature.