

5. VICTORIA PARK ROAD 'NO STOPPING' RESTRICTION

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for the installation of a single section of 'no stopping' on the west side of Victoria Park Road opposite Longhurst Terrace. The **attached** plan refers.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council received complaints from the regular road users of this road that the overhanging vegetation around the inside of the corner opposite Longhurst Terrace was obstructing visibility of oncoming vehicles.
3. Transport and City Streets investigated this issue and found that the vegetation was overhanging the roadside berm out onto the sealed roadway.
4. Contract staff were instructed to trim back this vegetation and a good result was achieved. The berm was re-established back to the rock wall on the downhill side.
5. Following this work, local and visiting vehicle drivers started parking in this location. The larger vehicles obstructed visibility around the corner, which re-created the problem previously caused by the overhanging vegetation.
6. Council staff have additional concerns with respect to the berm and rock wall being able to support the weight of heavy vehicles. It has also been proven that these vehicles cut up the grassed surface during the wetter winter months.
7. The sealed width of the road on the upper section is only four metres, and there is a lot of recreational and residential traffic in this area. As vehicles prepare to turn into Longhurst Place on the driveways just south it is important that good visibility of approaching traffic is ensured.
8. Contract staff have been instructed to reinstate the berm area to the same standard as the uphill section of Victoria Park Road. This would then be maintained under an extension to the existing berm mowing contract.
9. It is now proposed that a short section of 'no stopping' be established as a safety improvement work at this location.

CONSULTATION

10. The property owner at 195 Dyers Pass Road who has two driveways adjacent to the proposed 'no stopping' has been consulted, and is in full agreement.
11. The length of berm which is the subject of the proposed 'no stopping' is not suitable for parking for the reasons contained in the report. It should not be made available for this purpose following the reinstatement of the grassed surface.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

12. The installation of road markings is within operational budgets.
13. The Land Transport Rules provide for the installation of parking restrictions including broken yellow (no stopping) lines.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board resolves that the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the western side of Victoria Park Road commencing at a point 22 metres south of the Boundary of property 19A Victoria Park Road and the Council Reserve and extending generally in a northerly direction for a distance of 67 metres to a point 10 metres north of the northern kerb line of Longhurst Terrace and Victoria Park Road.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.