

9. BYRON STREET – PROPOSED LOADING ZONE (GOODS VEHICLES ONLY)

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Community Board to install a Loading Zone “Goods Vehicles Only” on the south side of Byron Street, just west of the Gasson Street intersection. The **attached** plan refers.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The proprietor of Totaline Carrier Air Conditioning (NZ) Limited (Totaline), located at Unit 1/87 Gasson Street, has requested a Loading Zone “Goods Vehicles Only” be installed outside their premises on Byron Street. Adjacent land use is industrial and demand for long term parking in the area is high, predominantly from employees of local businesses. On-street parking in Byron Street is unrestricted.
3. Totaline is a business that deals with trade staff as opposed to retail clients and has a large quantity of trade for both incoming and outgoing goods. The installation of a Loading Zone “Goods Vehicle Only” outside their property on Bryon Street would provide dedicated on-street parking for their trade related customers. The provision of dedicated on-street parking for loading has been requested, and although some off-street parking is available there are safety issues associated with accessing this parking.
4. Currently the vehicle entranceway to Totaline is located on Gasson Street, south of the Byron Street intersection. The proprietor of Totaline has expressed concern over safety issues on Gasson Street, particularly regarding the speed of vehicles. Also, the close proximity of Totaline’s vehicle entrance to the Bryon Street intersection is resulting in through traffic incorrectly anticipating the left turning indication of the vehicle in front to be for the intersection and not slowing in time. This has resulted in several accidents and numerous close calls.
5. The provision of a short term loading zone for goods vehicles on Byron Street will reduce the need for goods vehicles to enter the site from Gasson Street, thus improving road safety.
6. It is proposed that a Loading Zone “Goods Vehicles Only” be installed on Byron Street. This is considered to be the most cost effective and practical solution to the problem.
7. Totaline is the only business directly affected by the proposal and their support has been forthcoming.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. Installation of signs, markings and posts is within existing budgets
9. The Land Transport Rules provide for the installation of parking restrictions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Board resolve that a P5 Loading Zone “Goods Vehicles Only” be installed on the south side of Byron Street commencing at a point 25 metres west of the Gasson Street intersection and extending eight metres in a westerly direction.

CHAIRPERSON’S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.