

## 7. WATTS ROAD – PROPOSED “NO STOPPING” RESTRICTION

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board’s approval to install a section of broken yellow “no stopping” line on the east side of Watts Road immediately north of the Blenheim Road intersection (refer to **attached** plan).

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council has received complaints from local businesses and road users regarding safety and congestion problems on Watts Road near the Blenheim Road intersection. Concerns have been raised regarding the amount of on-street car parking occurring outside General Cables and up to the Blenheim Road intersection resulting in visibility problems when entering onto Watts Road from private property.
3. Land use in Watts Road is predominantly industrial, resulting in a demand for on street parking from employees in the area. Currently on street parking is unrestricted. As a result, in the absence of any parking restrictions vehicles are parking too close and sometimes partially over the vehicle entrance to General Cables, and up to the Blenheim Road intersection. During the 3pm shift change at General Cables in excess of one hundred vehicles may exit onto Watts Road turning either left towards Blenheim Road or right towards Main South Road. Kerbside parking is also causing congestion problems at the Blenheim Road intersection by restricting the space available for left turning vehicles.
4. To improve road safety for road users it is proposed that a section of broken yellow “no stopping” line be installed on Watts Road immediately prior to the Blenheim Road intersection, removing a total of five parking spaces. This is considered the most cost effective and practical solution to the problem and will resolve the visibility issues as well as improving the efficiency of the intersection.
5. Consultation has been carried out with affected parties on both sides of Watts Road and support has been forthcoming.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approves that the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the east side of Watts Road commencing at the Blenheim Road intersection and extending 44 metres in a north westerly direction.