

5. NGA MAHI ROAD – PROPOSED FIVE MINUTE PARKING RESTRICTION

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to install a short length of five minute parking restrictions on the southern side of Nga Mahi Road south of the Blenheim Road intersection (refer to **attached** plan).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The proprietor of the "Food Cube" take away food bar, located at 7 Nga Mahi Road, has requested that a five minute parking restriction be installed to service its customers.
3. Nga Mahi Road is placed within a newly developing light industrial area. The kerbside spaces are currently unrestricted and are occupied all day by employees from the surrounding businesses. The "Food Cube" business is very popular and services a wide catchment and there is a considerable demand for short term parking.
4. It is likely that the economic vitality of "Food Cube" is being adversely affected by the lack of available customer parking. The installation of a five minute parking restriction, covering 2 spaces outside "Food Cube" and the neighbouring business (Bosch), would go some way to addressing the concerns being raised.
5. It is noted that the Council's Parking Strategy for "Business Areas" states that "short stay parking for retail needs" is a higher priority than "commuter parking".
6. "Food Cube" and neighbouring "Bosch" are considered to be the only businesses directly affected and their support has been forthcoming.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board agrees that the parking of vehicles be limited to a five minute maximum on the southern side of Nga Mahi Road commencing at a point 72 metres south of the Blenheim Road intersection and extending 11 metres in a south westerly direction.