

3. CARMEN 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 extend a length of existing broken yellow “no stopping” line on Carmen Road immediately north of the Bella Rosa Drive intersection (refer to **attached** plan).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council has received complaints from residents of Bella Rosa Drive regarding safety and visibility problems at the Bella Rosa Drive/Carmen Road intersection.
3. Concerns have been raised regarding the lack of visibility of south bound vehicles on Carmen Road by vehicles turning right out of Bella Rosa Drive into Carmen Road. Observations have shown that vehicles currently have to move well into the intersection to check the road is clear before completing their manoeuvre. This lack of visibility is directly attributed to the presence of parked vehicles on Carmen Road immediately north of the Bella Rosa Drive intersection. The high traffic volumes being experienced on Carmen Road, coupled with the limited visibility attributed to the parked vehicles on Carmen Road, is resulting in safety concerns for vehicles turning right out of Bella Rosa Drive.
4. Bella Rosa Drive forms a “T” intersection with Carmen Road and the intersection is controlled by a “Give Way” control against Bella Rosa Drive. Carmen Road is classified as a “Major Arterial” road in the City Plan and it provides a significant traffic movement function and carries a large volume of traffic. Land use on Carmen Road in the immediate vicinity of the Bella Rosa Drive intersection is mixed. The west side of Carmen Road is predominantly residential and the east side of Carmen Road is predominantly industrial. On-street car parking on Carmen Road is currently unrestricted and demand for long term on-street parking is high. This demand is attributed to the employees from the industrial area on the east side of Carmen Road. Jerez Place and Cataluna Place intersect with Bella Rosa Drive and all three roads are residential cul de sacs, and provide a strong property access function, and are classified as “Local” roads in the City Plan.
5. A search of the Land Transport crash database for the last five years revealed that there have been no reported crashes resulting from poor visibility in the immediate vicinity. However, local residents have reported several near misses at the intersection.
6. To improve road safety and visibility for road users it is proposed that the existing length of broken yellow “no stopping” line be extended north along Carmen Road removing two car parking spaces. This is considered to be the most cost effective and practical solution to the problem.
7. Consultation has been carried out with all affected parties and support has been forthcoming.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. The installation of road markings is within the Transport Unit’s operational budgets.
9. The Land Transport Rules provide for the installation of parking restrictions including broken yellow (no stopping) lines.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board agrees:

- (a) That the existing “no stopping” restriction of the west side of Carmen Road commencing at the Bella Rosa Drive intersection and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 25 metres be revoked.
- (b) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the west side of Carmen Road commencing at the Bella Rosa Drive intersection and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 39 metres.