

1. COLOMBO STREET OUTSIDE OLD CHRISTCHURCH WOMEN'S HOSPITAL - PROPOSED REMOVAL OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS



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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to remove a considerable length of 60 minute parking restrictions on the west side of Colombo Street outside, and to the north of, the old Christchurch Women's Hospital.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. There is currently a considerable length of parking restricted to a maximum of 60 minutes on the west side of Colombo Street extending from Bealey Avenue south across the frontage of the now vacant Christchurch Women's Hospital. There have recently been requests to review the necessity of this restriction in the light of the closure of the hospital.
3. The restriction was likely to have been implemented many years ago to provide short-term parking for patients and visitors associated with the hospital. Without the restriction the space will be occupied by commuter parking for much of the day.
4. Given that the hospital buildings are vacant and unlikely to be used to the same extent in the near future, there is no benefit in retaining the parking restriction.
5. The Salvation Army operate the "Resthaven" rest home which is located next door to the hospital on the northern side. The existing parking restriction also extends across the road frontage of this property prior to terminating at the broken yellow lines extending south of the intersection with Bealey Avenue. The rest home manager has no objection to the restriction being revoked from outside their property as they have adequate off street parking for staff and visitors. No other properties are considered to be adversely affected by the removal of the restriction. There are some commercial office activities on the east side of Colombo Street towards Bealey Avenue. However, there is also a 60 minute parking restriction outside these properties and the removal of the restriction opposite is unlikely to be of any consequence to these activities.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Cost

6. Removal of signs and posts is within existing budgets.

Legal

7. The Land Transport Rules provide for the installation and removal of parking restrictions.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION

That the Council approve the revocation of the 60 minute parking restrictions in the following locations:

1. On the western side of Colombo Street from a point 40m in a southerly direction from the intersection of Bealey Avenue extending 58m in a southerly direction.
2. On the western side of Colombo Street from a point 132m in a southerly direction from the intersection of Bealey Avenue extending 95m in a southerly direction.

(Note: There is a bus stop and vehicle crossing situated within the parking restriction hence the two separate sections.)