

## 9. CASINO FEEDER TAXI STAND – VICTORIA STREET

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The purpose of this report is to present options for resolving the problems associated with the combined metered spaces and taxi stands in Victoria Street, 70 metres west of the Casino taxi stand (refer attached plan).

The Parking Unit has been experiencing difficulties for many years with the five vehicle taxi stand which is P60 metered parking from:

9.00am – 5.00pm      Monday – Thursday  
9.00am – 8.00pm      Friday  
9.00am – 5.00pm      Saturday/Sunday

These spaces are signed as being for taxi stands during the period 8.00pm – 6.00am.

This arrangement was introduced to provide a line of sight feeder zone for the main four vehicle casino taxi rank.

Problems occur when vehicles do not leave the spaces vacant assigned for the taxis and taxis are subsequently not able to access them. The efforts of the Police and Parking Enforcement have been ongoing, but in practice the arrangements has been impractical and little improvement has been achieved with driver behaviour.

Local business owners, and the Parking Unit personnel have been subjected to abusive and violent behaviour when the rights of the respective parties are at issue.

### CONSULTATION

The adjacent ground floor retail businesses have been approached and they are in general agreement that changes need to be made to resolve the problems. They are supportive of option three.

Local taxi operators and their federation have also been consulted, but an unanimous agreement to any option has not been achieved.

### OPTIONS

The Parking Unit has recommended that the following three options be considered.

1. Status quo.
2. Remove all taxi stands in the feeder zone.
3. Introduce a combined taxi stand/P5 loading zone.

#### 1. Status Quo

This arrangement would meet with support from some of the taxi operators but presents ongoing problems for enforcement. The combinations of metered spaces and taxi stands have proven to be undesirable because of their different requirements for signage and marking, and it causes confusion for the public.

#### 2. Removal all Taxi Stands in the Feeder Zone

This action would not suit the taxi operators. However it would free the Parking Unit from their enforcement problems and help provide extended parking for the other business premises in the area.

#### 3. Implement a Combined Taxi Stand/P5 Loading Zone

- Create a 'Loading Zone' 6.00am – 6.00pm seven days and a Taxi Stand 6.00pm – 6.00am seven days in the two spaces adjacent to the driveway to No 50 Victoria Street.

The yellow road markings for both are the same which overcomes the confusion caused by the yellow and white lines marking the existing combined meter/taxi stands.

A simple prominent post sign would indicate the cut over times for the two spaces. The local businesses and customers would be able to use the 'Loading Zone' during the day.

- Remove the remaining three combined P60 meters/taxi stands.
- Remove the existing 'P5 Loading Zone' 25 metres to the west and reallocate as metered space. This loading zone has proven difficult to use because of its minimal length and positioning between two meters.

**Staff**

**Recommendation:**

That Option three is implemented. This will involve approving the following changes:

1. That a 'Loading Zone' with a time limit of 5 minutes 6.00am – 6.00pm daily be created on the northern side of Victoria Street commencing at a point 14 metres from its intersection with Peterborough Street and extending in a westerly direction for 5.8 metres.
2. That a 'Loading Zone' with a time limit of 5 minutes 6.00am – 6.00pm daily be created on the northern side of Victoria Street commencing at a point 25.8 metres from its intersection with Peterborough Street and extending in a westerly direction for 6.4 metres.
3. That a 'Taxi Stand' 6.00pm – 6.00am daily be created on the northern side of Victoria Street commencing at a point 14 metres from its intersection with Peterborough Street and extending in a westerly direction for 5.8 metres.
4. That a 'Taxi Stand' 6.00pm – 6.00am daily be created on the northern side of Victoria Street commencing at a point 25.8 metres from Peterborough Street and extending in a westerly direction for 6.4 metres.
5. That the 'Loading Zone' on the northern side of Victoria Street commencing at a point 53 metres from its intersection with Peterborough Street and extending in a westerly direction for 7.0 metres be removed.
6. That a parking meter with a time limit of 60 minutes be installed on the northern side of Victoria Street commencing at a point 53 metres from its intersection with Peterborough Street and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of seven metres.
7. That the existing parking restrictions in the afore mentioned areas be revoked.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:**

That the above recommendation be adopted.