
**Port Stephens
Local Traffic Committee Minutes**

**Meeting held in the Port Stephens Council Committee room and via Zoom on
Tuesday 1st August 2023, at 9:30am**

Present:

Jamie Smoother – Transport for NSW, Senior Constable Joshua Tyacke – Port Stephens-Hunter Police, Cr Giacomo Arnott (representing Kate Washington MP), William Ridley – CDC Hunter Valley Buses, Anthony Biscan – Port Stephens Coaches, Anna Brown (Chairperson), Andrew Behrens, John Maretich – Port Stephens Council

Apologies:

Dave Davies – Busways

A. Business arising from previous meetings

609_03/23 Soldiers Point Road, Salamander Bay – Request for an update on the extension of the 40km/h HPA

B. Listed matters

43_08/23 Kennington Drive, Tomago – Request for parking restrictions

44_08/23 William Street, Raymond Terrace – Request for parking restrictions

45_08/23 Glenelg Street, Raymond Terrace – Request for parking restrictions

A. Business arising from previous meetings

Item: 609_03/23

Soldiers Point Road, Salamander Bay – Request for an update on the extension of the 40km/h HPAA

Requested by: Cr Anderson

File:

Background:

Cr Anderson is seeking an update regarding the status of the HPAA extension request at Soldiers Point Road, Salamander Bay and pedestrian crossing as per item 611_07/22 (considered during July 2022 LTC meeting).

Discussion:

Transport for NSW advised that a full review of the HPAA would be required and that this may take a bit longer than usual due to resource constraints. The HPAA will need to be approved by Transport for NSW before Council officers can undertake re-positioning of the HPAA entry location on Soldiers Point Road, in accordance with previous Local Traffic Committee discussions.

B. Listed matters

Item: 43_08/23

Kennington Drive, Tomago – Request for parking restrictions

Requested by: A business owner

File: 350032-2023

Background:

Long vehicles have issues getting in and out of 15 Kennington Drive and parking restrictions are needed to deter people parking too close to driveways.

Comment:

LTC Inspection Committee noted that additional space on the approach to the entry gate and on exit would provide sufficient access for larger vehicles. The relocation of signage to widen the turning space would reduce parking by 1 to 2 spaces. However, this would improve safety and reduce the risk of damage to vehicles.

Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:

NSW Road Rules – Rule 167 – No stopping signs

RMS signs database – R5-400

Traffic control devices installed under Part 5.3 Div. 2 Road Transport Act 2013

Community Engagement:

The recommended works will improve safety for road users and it is proposed that the community be informed.

Discussion:

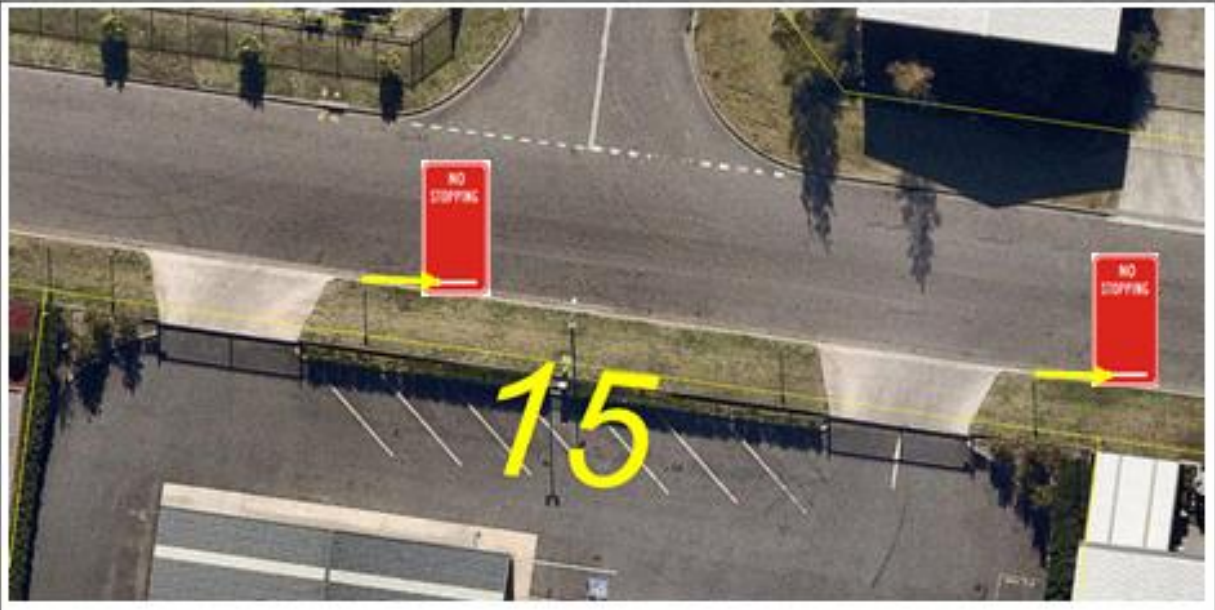
Committee members requested that surrounding businesses be informed prior to changes to the parking restrictions.

Committee's recommendation:

Relocate the current No Stopping signs 2-3m from the entry and exit points to increase the buffer space for turning vehicles as shown on the attached sketch, Annexure A.

Support for the recommendation:

1	Unanimous	✓
2	Majority	
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	



Item: 44_08/23

William Street, Raymond Terrace – Request for parking restrictions

Requested by: PSC

Background:

As part of the upgrades to William Street, the hedges outside the NAB building are to be removed and the existing Austpost post office box further down will be relocated to this position. Propose signage change to suit purpose.

Comment:

A set down area is supported for community members to access the post box, as well as provision for the large Austpost vehicle to pick up the mail in the proposed location. No Parking signage is recommended over a restriction just for Austpost vehicles which would allow everybody a 2 minute hover. This change would replace one car space of 1hr parking. Due to the location of the driveway, inserting a pole may pose a risk to vehicle access so the recommendation utilises existing poles.

Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:

NSW Road Rules – Rule 168 – No parking signs

RMS signs database – R5-40

Traffic control devices installed under Part 5.3 Div. 2 Road Transport Act 2013

Community Engagement

The recommended works will improve safety for road users and it is proposed that the community be informed of the Local Traffic Committee recommendation.

Discussion:

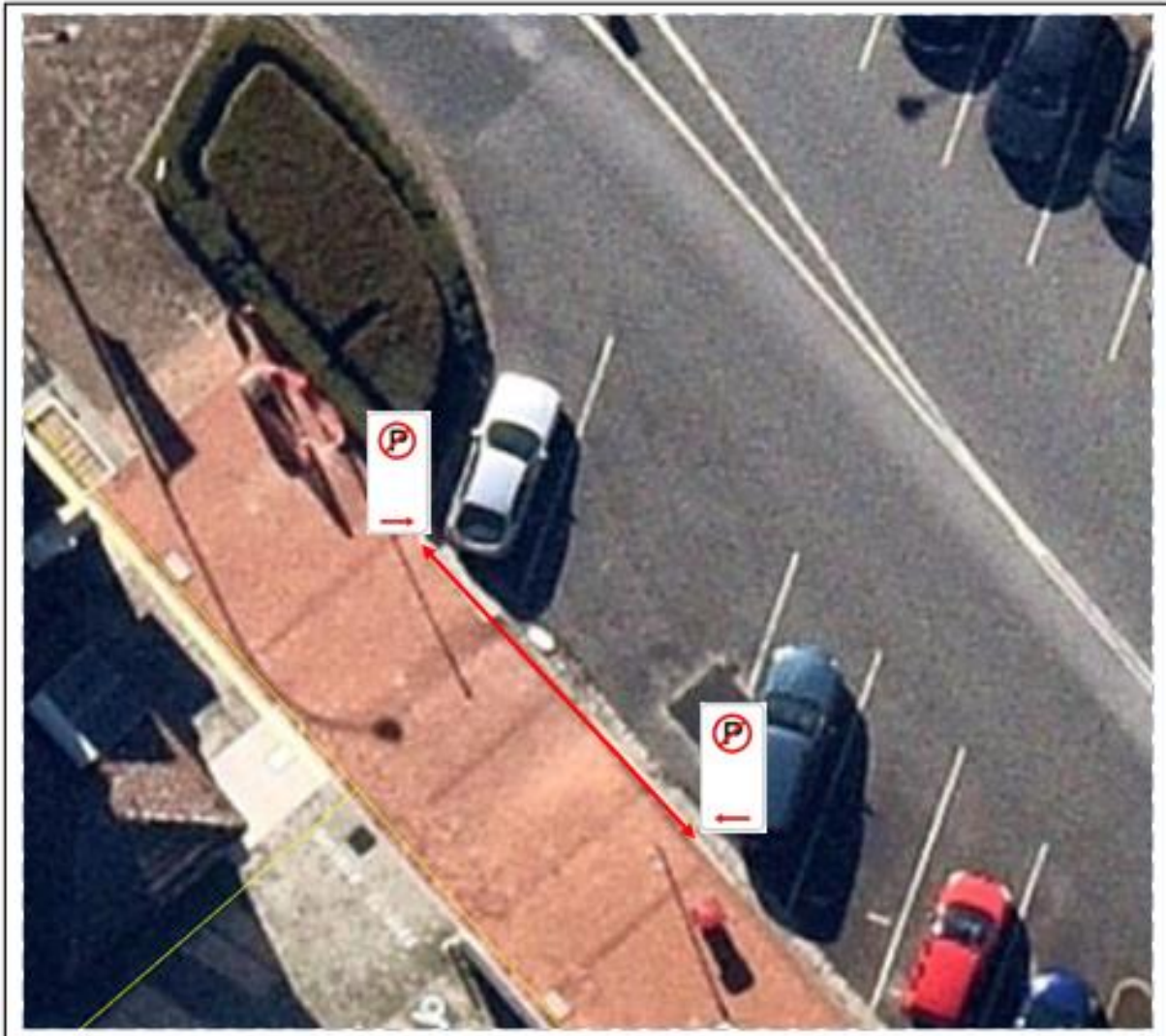
Cr Arnott voiced objection to the provision of No Parking citing the need for disabled parking and requested options be investigated. Technical provisions linked to compliance with AS 2890.5 and safety considerations related to the immediately adjacent driveway access prevent this location being considered for disabled parking. The adjacent spaces could be converted to disabled parking, necessitating the need to remove 3 parking spaces for this purpose. Mr Maretich indicated that further options would need to be considered and investigated taking into account the constraints and limitations of the area and compliance with relevant standards and guidelines.

Committee's recommendation:

Decision related to the installation of No Parking signs be deferred pending a separate investigation of possible disabled parking locations.

Support for the recommendation:

1	Unanimous	✓
2	Majority	
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	



Item: 45_08/23

Glenelg Street, Raymond Terrace – Request for parking restrictions

Requested by: A resident

File: 350695

Background:

Please investigate and consider if the single parking space between 6 and 8 Glenelg St can be changed to No parking. The driveways at 6 and 8 have had No parking painted on the road and the single spot was left causing issue as a traffic hazzard for residents. Cars park all day in the marked 2 hour parking zone.

Comment:

The edge of the current No parking pavement signage should begin 1m from the edge of the driveway. This technically means it is not wide enough to satisfy the requirements of AS2890.5. Committee members noted that there are plenty of car spaces across the road and there is an available mall carpark opposite. Installing No Stopping signage would remove the single space that currently does not meet standard and provide easier access for residents to existing driveways. There is one 2hr parking space that remains adjacent.

Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:

NSW Road Rules – Rule 167 – No stopping signs

RMS signs database – R5-400

Traffic control devices installed under Part 5.3 Div. 2 Road Transport Act 2013

Community Engagement

The recommended works will improve safety for road users and it is proposed that the community be informed of the Local Traffic Committee recommendation.

Discussion:

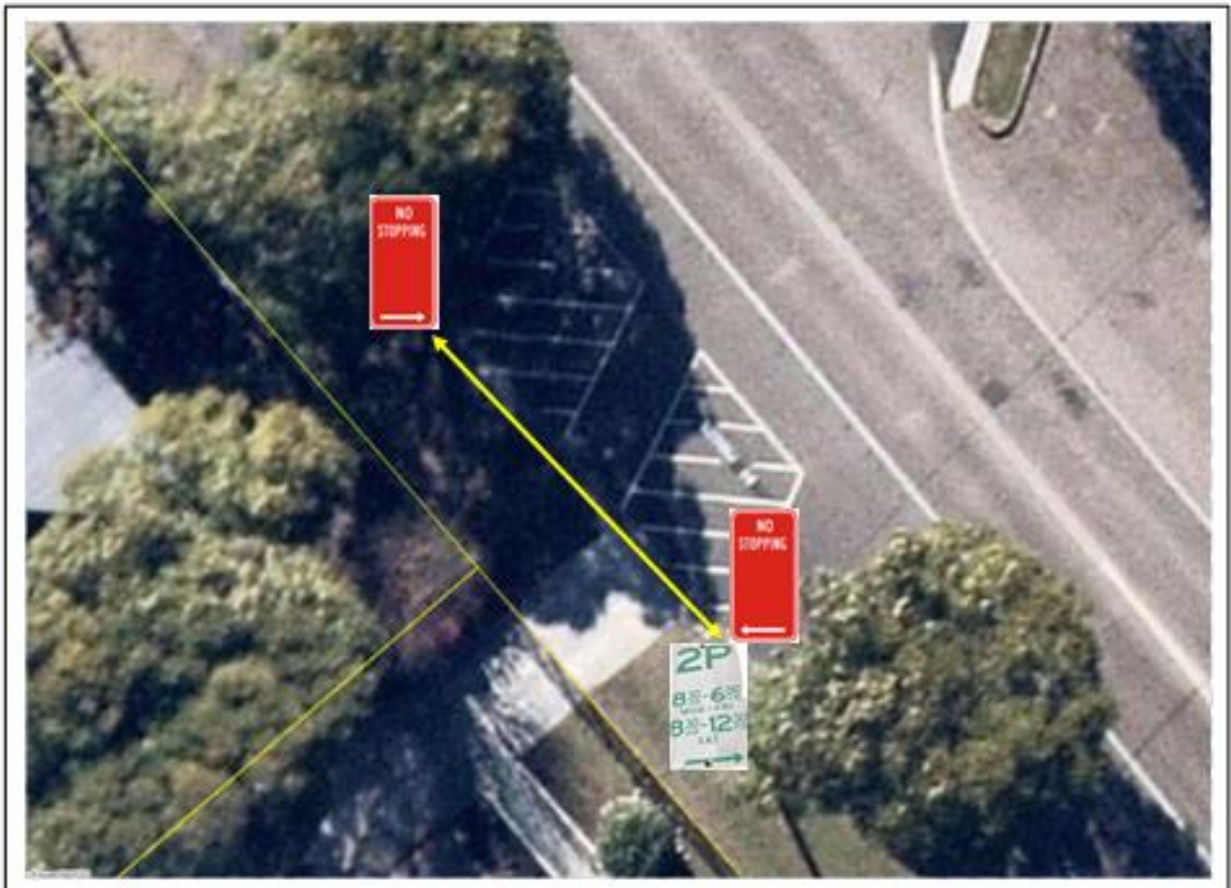
Cr Arnott voiced objection to the removal of the parking space. He requested Council apply line marking for car spaces to the rest of the street to ensure maximum available spaces. Parking line marking already exists on the western side of the street.

Committee's recommendation:

Install No Stopping signage as shown on the attached sketch, Annexure A.

Support for the recommendation:

1	Unanimous	
2	Majority	✓
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	



The meeting closed at 10.15am