



To the General Manager

Attach: Nil

SUBJECT: (4.9) Broughton Street, Kirribilli – Loading Zone in front of 11-17 – Trial Outcomes

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DESCRIPTION/SUBJECT MATTER:

The Traffic Committee previously considered a request from Woolworths Metro for a Loading Zone on Broughton Street. Following community consultation, at the Traffic Committee meeting on 22 November 2019 it was recommended, and subsequently resolved at the Council meeting on 24 February 2020:

- 1. THAT Council install 18 metres (3 spaces) of Loading Zone 5am-7am Monday to Saturday on Broughton Street in front of 11-17 Broughton Street, Kirribilli for a trial period of 6 months, under delegation to the Manager Traffic & Transport Operations, once the trial period is complete, any feedback be brought back to the Traffic Committee for review.*
- 2. THAT all submitters be informed of the decision with regard to the Broughton Street loading zone.*

The Loading Zone 5am-7am Monday to Saturday in front of 11-17 Broughton Street was installed on 14 February 2020 for an initial period of 6 months.

Previous submitters and affected businesses were informed of the changes and feedback was invited during the initial trial period. At the Traffic Committee meeting on 24 July 2020 it was recommended that the submission period be extended for an additional month due to COVID-19 impacts. Accordingly, the submission period was extended to 13 September 2020.

This report details the feedback received during the initial trial period.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** the ‘Loading Zone 5am-7am Monday to Saturday’ in front of 11-17 Broughton Street, Kirribilli be retained.

CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Consultation has been undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Protocol

Relates to ECM No: 8052903

Signs & Lines Priority: N/A

Impact on Bicycles: Nil

Standard or Guideline Used: AS2890.5

Precinct and Ward: Bradfield/Milson, Victoria

Impact on Pedestrians: Nil

Impact on Parking: Impacts as outlined in the report

DETAIL

During the initial trial period to 13/9/20, Council received 2 submissions objecting to the changes and comments from Milson Precinct.

No.	Comments	Council Response
1	<p><i>I am grossly disappointed that the Manager of the traffic and Transport Operations has seen fit to authorize the loading zone in Broughton Street Kirribilli, to please the proprietors of Metro supermarket and to comply with pressure from the predatory Woolworth's Pty. Ltd. I once again object strongly, as I have before, to Council's bowing to strong commercial pressure groups rather than looking after the amenity and well being of locals residents and visitors.</i></p> <p><i>I am the co-owner of 21 Broughton Street, with luxury residences on the first floor of the building.</i></p> <p><i>Could you please state precisely why the loading zone was not placed on the same side of Broughton Street just east of Metro, substantially closer to the supermarket, and obviating noise disturbances to the residents in my building, and obviating the need to push noisy trolleys across Burton Street at unsociable hours in the morning?</i></p> <p><i>No, I find your decision totally unacceptable.</i></p>	<p>Similar objections were raised by this submitter when the matter was considered by the Traffic Committee on 22/11/19.</p> <p>It was not possible to install a loading zone in front of Woolworths due to statutory No Stopping restrictions on approach to the pedestrian traffic signals, and rear access in Humphrey Place being too narrow for the 10m Woolworths trucks to manoeuvre. The existing Loading Zone 9.30am-3.30pm Mon-Fri further to the north on Broughton Street between the signals and Crescent Place, is also No Stopping 6.30am-9.30am and 3.30pm-9.30am Mon-Fri. Conversion of the AM No Stopping zone to a Loading Zone was considered, but may impact on traffic flows, particularly when vehicles queue to turn right into Ennis Road.</p> <p>The Traffic Committee's recommendation was a compromise taking into consideration competing interests from local residents and businesses.</p>
2	<p><i>There is already a loading zone on Ennis Road, hopefully if parking is removed on Broughton Street, it will be replaced by the spaces being returned for Parking on Ennis Road. Anon.</i></p>	<p>The loading zone on Ennis Road operates between 6am-11am and is required by local businesses in that vicinity. Consideration was given to Woolworths Metro trucks using the Ennis Road loading zone, however was not considered suitable given the size of the Woolworths trucks, the need for the loading zone by other businesses, and distance of the loading zone relative to Woolworths Metro.</p>
3	<p><i>Milson Precinct requests that the 'trial period' for this loading zone outside 11-19 Broughton Street should continue, until the impact of the draft Kirribilli Public Domain Masterplan is fully understood, which proposes to eliminate the loading zones, and be replaced with greening of the public domain.</i></p>	<p>The Kirribilli Public Domain Masterplan was recently publicly exhibited. The Masterplan and streetscape upgrade does not propose to remove loading zones from Broughton Street.</p>

Discussion

It should be noted that the two objections were received after the notification was sent out but before the loading zone was installed. Council received no further feedback from the community or Woolworths Metro since the loading zone was installed. As noted above, the Kirribilli Public Domain Masterplan will not impact the Loading Zones in Broughton Street. Given that the loading zone appears to be operating satisfactorily, it is recommended that the Loading Zone be retained.