

**Item 14.****Parking - No Parking 8am-6pm Mon-Fri Stolen Generations Council NSW/ACT Inc. & Aboriginal Children's Service Vehicles Excepted - James Street, Redfern**

TRIM Container No.: 2026/216246

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Forum review the reallocation of parking on the southern side of James Street, Redfern between the points 14 metres and 26 metres (two car spaces) west of George Street as:

- "No Parking 8am-6pm Mon-Fri Stolen Generations Council NSW/ACT Inc. & Aboriginal Children's Service Vehicles Excepted" and
- "1P 6-8pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 41".

Forum Members for this Item

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| City of Sydney                            |
| Transport for NSW                         |
| NSW Police – South Sydney PAC             |
| Representative for the Member for Newtown |

**Advice**

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

**Background**

The Stolen Generations Council NSW/ACT Inc. & Aboriginal Children's Service, located at 18 George Street, Redfern, has requested consideration for the provision of dedicated parking spaces for the organisation's operational vehicles. The request is intended to support key service activities, including member and child pick-up and drop-off, delivery of community programs, and meeting client and operational needs. The provision of dedicated

parking would improve safe, efficient, and reliable access for clients, community members, staff, and volunteers.

In response to this request, it is proposed to convert two existing parking spaces in James Street, adjacent to the frontage of the organisation's premises, to dedicated parking for use by the Stolen Generations Council NSW/ACT Inc. & Aboriginal Children's Service. This proposal is intended to better accommodate the organisation's operational requirements while maintaining appropriate on-street parking needs.

The proposal aligns with the City of Sydney's Inclusion (Disability) Action Plan 2025–2029, particularly the objective of creating "liveable communities" by reducing barriers to access and improving on-street accessible parking and safe drop-off arrangements near key social infrastructure.

Dedicated parking close to the premises supports equitable participation, dignity, and independence for people with disability and older community members, consistent with the City's commitments to inclusion, reconciliation, and social sustainability. These considerations, together with the significant community benefit provided by the services delivered from the site, have been considered in the assessment of the proposal.

## Comments

The kerb space on the southern side of James Street, Redfern between George Street and Renwick Street, where the changes are proposed, is currently signposted as "1P 8am-8pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 41".

Following the request from the Stolen Generations Council NSW/ACT Inc. & Aboriginal Children's Service, it is proposed to reallocate two parking spaces to "No Parking 8am-6pm Mon-Fri Stolen Generations Council NSW/ACT Inc. & Aboriginal Children's Service Vehicles Excepted" and "1P 6-8pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 41".

After 8pm on weekdays and at all times on weekends, the parking spaces will operate as unrestricted parking, consistent with the existing parking conditions.

## Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 289 letters sent out with one response supporting the proposal and nine responses opposing the proposal.

A summary of the submissions is outlined in the following table:

| No. | Support / Objection | Summary of Submission                                                                                                                                                        | COS Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| 1   | Support             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission supports the proposal, advising that the off-site parking is required for a volunteer-led community food relief</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City notes the submission in support of the proposal and the clarification that the off-street parking space is required to undertake key operational activities and is</li> </ul> |

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|     |                     | <p>program and cannot be used for parking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The submission also states that two dedicated on-street spaces are needed to support essential operations, time-sensitive deliveries, volunteer coordination, and safe, accessible access for Elders, Stolen Generations survivors, families, and people with mobility needs, consistent with Council's social inclusion and reconciliation objectives.</li> </ul> | <p>not available for vehicle parking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City also notes the organisation's operational need for dedicated on-street parking close to the property to support deliveries, volunteer coordination, and safe, accessible access for Elders, Stolen Generations survivors, families, and people with mobility needs.</li> <li>The submission has been considered, along with the community benefit provided by the services delivered from the site, in assessing the proposal and its alignment with the City's Access and Inclusion policy.</li> </ul> |
| 2   | Objection           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission objects to the proposed parking changes -</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City acknowledges the reduction in on-street parking availability for residents during weekday business hours.</li> <li>However, the proposed parking spaces will revert to the existing permit and unrestricted parking arrangements during evenings and weekends.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 3   | Objection           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission objects to the parking changes, citing reduced parking availability in the area and associated accessibility, health, and safety concerns for senior residents who require close access to their vehicles.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City acknowledges the reduction in on-street parking availability for residents during weekday business hours.</li> <li>However, the proposed parking spaces will revert to the existing permit and unrestricted parking</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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|     |                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>arrangements during evenings and weekends.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This ensures resident parking access is maintained outside operational hours, while enabling the provision of dedicated parking to support the essential service delivery requirements of the Stolen Generations Council NSW/ACT Inc. and Aboriginal Children's Service.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 4   | Objection           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission objects to the proposal due to ongoing loss of on-street parking from recent area changes, concerns about granting exclusive use of public parking to a single organisation, and impacts on resident access.</li> <li>The submissions also states that the property has off-street parking and should be using this space instead of an on-street parking space.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City acknowledges the concerns raised regarding on-street parking availability and cumulative impacts in the area.</li> <li>The Stolen Generations Council NSW/ACT Inc. and Aboriginal Children's Service have advised that the existing off-street parking cannot be used for vehicle parking, as it is required for essential operational purposes, including food distribution and service delivery, and is therefore not feasible for parking.</li> <li>The organisation operates as a charitable service provider rather than a residential use and is not eligible for residential parking permits.</li> <li>While the City does not generally provide dedicated parking for businesses, it does allocate parking to community and charitable</li> </ul> |

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| 5   | Objection           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission objects to the proposal due to loss of on-street parking, high non-resident parking demand from local activities, and limited off-street parking for residents.</li> <li>Raises concern about creating an exception for one organisation and notes the organisation has off-site parking.</li> <li>Proposes issuing parking permits instead of dedicating on-street spaces.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City acknowledges the concerns raised regarding on-street parking availability and cumulative impacts in the area.</li> <li>The Stolen Generations Council NSW/ACT Inc. and Aboriginal Children's Service have advised that the existing off-street garage cannot be used for vehicle parking, as it is required for essential operational purposes, including food distribution and service delivery, and is therefore not feasible for parking.</li> <li>The organisation operates as a charitable service provider rather than a residential use and is not eligible for residential parking permits.</li> <li>While the City does not generally provide dedicated parking for businesses, it does allocate parking to community and charitable organisations where there is a demonstrated</li> </ul> |

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| 6   | Objections          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission objects to the proposal, stating existing parking shortages in Area 41, impacts on residents' daily activities, safety and wellbeing.</li> <li>The submission notes that the property has off-street parking.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City acknowledges the concerns raised regarding on-street parking availability and cumulative impacts in the area.</li> <li>The Stolen Generations Council NSW/ACT Inc. and Aboriginal Children's Service have advised that the existing off-street garage cannot be used for vehicle parking, as it is required for essential operational purposes, including food distribution and service delivery, and is therefore not feasible for parking.</li> <li>The organisation operates as a charitable service provider rather than a residential use and is not eligible for residential parking permits.</li> <li>While the City does not generally provide dedicated parking for businesses, it does allocate parking to community and charitable organisations where there is a demonstrated operational need for parking to support service delivery.</li> </ul> |

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| 7   | Objection           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The submission objects to the parking changes due to existing parking constraints in the area, concerns precedent in allocating exclusive on-street parking to a single organisation, and a perceived lack of demonstrated need given existing on-site facilities.</li> <li>Requests greater transparency, resident consultation, and reconsideration to prioritise broader community parking needs.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City acknowledges the concerns raised regarding on-street parking availability and cumulative impacts in the area.</li> <li>The Stolen Generations Council NSW/ACT Inc. and Aboriginal Children's Service have advised that the existing off-street garage cannot be used for vehicle parking, as it is required for essential operational purposes, including food distribution and service delivery, and is therefore not feasible for parking.</li> <li>The organisation operates as a charitable service provider rather than a residential use and is not eligible for residential parking permits.</li> <li>While the City does not generally provide dedicated parking for businesses, it does allocate parking to community and charitable organisations where there is a demonstrated operational need for parking to support service delivery.</li> <li>The proposed dedicated parking is required to meet the operational needs of the Stolen Generations Council</li> </ul> |

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|     |                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>NSW/ACT Inc. and Aboriginal Children's Service, including safe and efficient access for clients, staff, and volunteers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City have consulted on the parking changes and all submissions provided are included in this report.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 8   | Objections          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The submission objects to the proposal as the property has off-street parking,</li> <li>The submission also raises concerns about further loss of resident parking and notes the area is well serviced by public transport, which should be prioritised.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City acknowledges the concerns raised regarding on-street parking availability and cumulative impacts in the area.</li> <li>The Stolen Generations Council NSW/ACT Inc. and Aboriginal Children's Service have advised that the existing off-street garage cannot be used for vehicle parking, as it is required for essential operational purposes, including food distribution and service delivery, and is therefore not feasible for parking.</li> <li>Many of the organisation's activities involve regular pick-up and drop-off of members and children, some of whom have accessibility or mobility requirements.</li> <li>In these circumstances, travel by public transport may not be feasible. As such, the provision of dedicated parking in close proximity to the premises is necessary to support safe, efficient access for clients, carers, and staff and to enable the effective delivery</li> </ul> |

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| 9   | Objection           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The submission raises concerns about existing pressure on on-street parking in the area, citing limited resident parking, loss of spaces due to bicycle lanes, car share and scooter parking, and anticipated future development nearby which is expected to further increase parking demand.</li> </ul>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City acknowledges the concerns raised regarding existing parking pressures in the vicinity of James Street and George Street.</li> <li>The proposal seeks to balance these pressures while supporting the operational requirements of an essential charitable service that relies on proximate parking to deliver community programs and provide safe access for its clients, staff, and volunteers.</li> <li>The proposed parking spaces will revert to the existing permit and unrestricted parking arrangements during evenings and weekends.</li> </ul> |
| 10  | Objection           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The submission objects to the proposal citing cumulative impacts on already limited resident parking and further parking pressure from nearby businesses.</li> <li>Raises concern that dedicated business parking would further disadvantage rate-paying residents who already struggle to find parking.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City acknowledges the concerns raised regarding existing parking pressures in the vicinity of James Street and George Street.</li> <li>The proposal seeks to balance these pressures while supporting the operational requirements of an essential charitable service that relies on proximate parking to deliver community programs and provide safe access for its clients, staff, and volunteers.</li> <li>The proposed parking spaces will revert to the existing permit and unrestricted parking</li> </ul>                                            |

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**Financial**

Funds are available in the current budget.

**GANESH VENGADASALAM, A/TRAFFIC MANAGER - SOUTH**