

Item 24.**Parking - Electric Vehicle Parking - Bray Street, Erskineville**

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee review the reallocation of parking on the northern side of Bray Street, Erskineville between the points 53.5 metres and 59.5 metres (two car spaces) west of Concord Street as "4P 8am-8pm Electric Vehicles Only While Charging" and "No Parking Electric Vehicles Excepted While Charging All Other Times" and "60° Angle Parking Front to Kerb Vehicles Under 6m Only".

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

The City's Electrification of Transport in the City Strategy and Action Plan outlines key actions to support the transition towards achieving net zero emissions in transport, including advocacy and actions within the City's control.

Action 20 of the Strategy and Action Plan outlines that the City will work with private sector providers to operate paid on-street electric vehicle charging in residential areas with constrained private charging opportunities. This should be cost neutral to the City and avoid negative impacts on the public domain and residential amenity. In collaboration with Ausgrid and EVX who are the charging point operator, the City is undertaking a limited trial of dedicated on-street parking for electric vehicle charging using Ausgrid infrastructure in Bray Street, Erskineville

The proposed location has existing electrical infrastructure for the charger installation, and lighting for its safe use. It will support residents without access to off-street parking or off-street public electric vehicle charging facilities, and minimises impacts to residents, footpath access, loading and mobility parking.

Comments

The kerb space on the northern side of Bray Street, Erskineville west of Concord Street where the changes are proposed, is currently signposted as "2P 8am-10pm, Permit Holders Excepted Area 36" and "60° Angle Parking Front to Kerb Vehicles Under 6m Only".

It is proposed to change parking at this location to "4P 8am-8pm Electric Vehicles Only While Charging" and "No Parking Electric Vehicles Excepted While Charging All Other Times" and "60° Angle Parking Front to Kerb Vehicles Under 6m Only".

The proposed parking changes would allow only electric vehicles to park while charging. This would be permitted for up to four hours of parking between 8am and 8pm, seven days a week. After 8pm electric vehicles can park for longer periods only while charging to allow for full charging.

The proposed EV charging spaces in Bray Street meets the following criteria:

- Support residents without access to off-street parking, or major off-street public electric vehicle charging facilities.
- Have limited direct impact on residential properties.
- The footpath adjacent to the parking space is sufficiently wide to ensure no impacts to pedestrians.
- Have no impacts to loading or mobility parking spaces.
- The Ausgrid electric pole is suitable to accommodate the electric vehicle chargers.

Have adequate street and footpath lighting to support night time use.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 77 letters sent out with one response supporting the proposal and one response opposing the proposal.

The response opposing the proposal had concerns with loss of residential parking and increased parking strain on residents that rely on street parking. One neutral feedback was received suggesting the EV charging installation be delayed until nearby Works Zone is reinstated or relocated to another location.

The installation of these EV charging aligns with Action 20 of the *Electrification of Transport in the City Strategy and Action Plan*, which commits to trialling on-street EV charging infrastructure in areas where residents lack access to off-street parking or nearby public charging facilities.

Bray Street has been identified as one such location where on-street charging can help meet local demand and support equitable access to EV charging infrastructure. The trial is targeted to minimise impacts on general parking availability. The City will monitor usage and community feedback throughout the trial to ensure the infrastructure is appropriately balanced with local parking needs.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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