

Item 29.**Parking - Electric Vehicle (EV) Parking - Bunn Street, Pyrmont**

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee review the reallocation of parking on the northern side of Bunn Street, Pyrmont between the points 15 metres and 27m metres (two car spaces) east of Pyrmont Street as "4P 8am-8pm Electric Vehicles Only While Charging" and "No Parking Electric Vehicles Excepted While Charging All Other Times".

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

Council at its meeting on 26 June 2023, resolved to adopt the Electrification of Transport in the City Strategy and Action Plan. The strategy outlines key actions to support this transition, including, advocacy, and actions within the City's control.

Action 20 of the Strategy outlines that the City will work with private sector providers to trial 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 proposing to install dedicated on-street parking for charging of electric vehicle using Ausgrid infrastructure.

Comments

Parking along the kerb space on the northern side of Bunn Street, Pyrmont between Pyrmont Street and Harwood Street, where the parking changes are proposed is currently signposted as " 2P Ticket Permit Holders Excepted Areas 20".

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".

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.

The proposed EV charging spaces in Bunn 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 629 letters sent out with four responses supporting the proposal and three responses opposing the proposal.

Objection 1 - 3: Correspondents objected to the proposal due to loss of parking and the need for EV parking in Bunn Street. 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.

Bunn 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.

Alternative suggestions for the EV parking spaces were presented. However, the on-street EV charging infrastructure can only be installed on Ausgrid electric poles and in locations that meet specific technical and site criteria. The alternative locations are noted and can be considered for future installations.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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