

By email April 10 2023

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

The above referenced report and associated recommendations will be considered by you at Council's meeting of 13 April.

The recommendation, if adopted, will result in the **immediate removal of 90 untimed car parking spaces in Brooklyn Village**, replacing them with a 4 hr parking limit.

It is astounding and misleading by omission that the report before you does not actually point this out explicitly, nor does it discuss the serious **safety and accessibility** implications of it. This is the primary outcome of the Stage 1 plan before you.

Councillors, the proposal before you fails to recognise in any way the BMC and the 135 families and individuals for which it is a lifeline. The BMC is the only low cost, community funded and volunteer run, short term mooring facility in Brooklyn and is approved by both Council and Crown Lands. The proposal will have serious and detrimental effects on our members and river access only communities more broadly. The BMC has made several submissions to you over the past 18 months and engaged fully in Council's 'consultation' process - and it appears all this effort has fallen on deaf ears. Even the outcomes of Council's own limited survey have been ignored. We have given you demographic statistics on our river communities, their movements to and from their homes, and their various abilities to walk distances and climb hills. All to no avail it would appear. Please take the time to read our prior submissions attached.

The Brooklyn Mooring Cooperative urges you to **reject the proposed immediate introduction of timed parking**. The alternative parking options for offshore residents and communities and unsafe, unreasonable, and contrary to Council, State and Commonwealth policy directions, and the spirit of the Local Government Act. Councillors - you must consider the evidence before you in deciding - and we have provided this over and over again. The timed parking proposal is manifestly inequitable, illogical and most importantly, if adopted, you will knowingly and actively be placing your own residents and the broader river community at **increased and unacceptable risk**.

Councillors, BMC members have concerns about Council officers' ability or willingness to acknowledge and objectively analyse legitimate community concerns, and to pass this information on to you as our elected representatives. We also therefore request that implementation of any further changes to parking arrangements in Brooklyn come back to elected Councillors for consideration.

I look forward to speaking further on this matter on Wednesday at the meeting.

Regards,

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