

5. Canning Street, Bega – establish *Bus Zone*

This report recommends a *Bus Zone* be established on Canning Street, Bega, immediately south of Jauncey Lane.

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BACKGROUND

The Local Traffic Committee had received a request from a local bus operator for a mid-block bus zone to be established on the west side of Canning Street, to cater for 24 bus services in the medical precinct. Delivery vehicles also have difficulties on this street however bus operators were reluctant to share a zone with trucks.

10 The proposal to select two possible sites for a bus zone, received an objection from the South Coast Natural Health clinic for one of the sites on grounds they didn't want buses outside their window. The Clinic operators had a plan prepared showing a bus zone on the west side of Canning Street immediately south of Jauncey Lane. This plan was tabled and discussed at a subsequent Local Traffic Committee meeting. The submitted Plan "A" shows the preferred *Bus Zone* on the west side of Canning Street, extending 17.0 metres south from Jauncey Lane, and operating from 7.00am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday and 8.00am to 4.00pm Saturday. The Local Traffic Committee noted that this space is sign-posted as *1-Hour Parking*.

20 Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee meetings held on 4 June 2008 and 31 March 2009 have been circulated separately.

ISSUES

Legal

In order to legally establish or alter a traffic control device on an unclassified road, including establishment of a *Bus Zone*, Council is required to follow the process of Delegated Function from the RTA for the regulation of traffic on such a road.

Environmental

The bus operator advised that there are 24 bus services per day in the Canning Street medical precinct.

Asset

30 The 17.0 metres of *Bus Zone* will result in the loss of approximately 3 on-street *1-Hour parking* spaces on Canning Street.

Consultation

The request for a mid-block bus zone on the west side of Canning Street to cater for 24 bus services per day in this medical precinct came from a local bus operator. Council's Roads Manager selected two possible sites for the bus zone and carried out consultation as above.

Financial

There will be some cost to Council to alter existing signage to establish the *Bus Zone*.

CONCLUSION

40 There should be a suitable zone established on Canning Street, Bega to cater for the cited 24 hour bus services in the medical precinct.

RECOMMENDATION

That, as per the attached Plan "A", 17.0 metres of *Bus Zone* be established on the west side of Canning Street, Bega. This zone is to extend from Jauncey Lane to 17.0 metres south of Jauncey Lane, and operate between the hours of 7:00 am and 5:30 pm Monday to Friday and 8:00 am and 4:00 pm Saturday.

