

6. Wandella Road, Cobargo – establish *No Stopping* zone on school service road

This report recommends a length of *No Stopping* zone be established on the Wandella Road service road to the Cobargo Public School.

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BACKGROUND

The Local Traffic Committee had received a written request from Council's Roads Manager for 60.0 metres of *No Stopping* zone to be established on the Wandella Road service road to the Cobargo Public School.

10 The request indicates agreement from bus drivers for the *No Stopping* in response to issues raised in a letter from the school. Issues cited by the school in its letter include students being at risk by crossing the access road in between buses to reach parent's cars, vehicles travelling down the access road may not see the children in time to stop, and the school has spoken to students and parents about the dangers but feels further action is urgently needed and asks for consideration of *No Stopping* along the access road opposite the buses at bus zone times.

Discussion at the Local Traffic Committee meeting included additional feedback from the school, which was that the *No Stopping* zone should apply only at school bus times because the service road is used for over flow parking at the nearby church and the school does not wish to see this lost.

20 Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 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 *No Stopping*, Council is required to follow the process of Delegated Function from the RTA for the regulation of traffic on such a road.

Environmental

30 All school-generated traffic has to be managed on-road at this school because there are no on-site provisions. The service road offers a safer environment than Wandella Road itself to manage child pedestrians because Wandella Road carries through traffic, including trucks, with greater volumes travelling at higher speeds.

As above, the *No Stopping* should apply only at school bus times because the school service road is used for over flow parking at the nearby church.

Asset

There is an existing footpath on the school side of the school service road. However, the requested *No Stopping* has the potential to see parent parking move from the service road onto Wandella Road itself because it would be closer to the school gate.

Consultation

40 The request cites agreement from bus operators for the *No Stopping* plus issues raised by the school. Additional feedback sought from the school was that the *No Stopping* zone should apply only at school bus times because the school service road is used for over flow parking at the nearby church and the school does not wish to see this lost.

Financial

There will be some cost to Council to install signage to define the *No Stopping* zone.

CONCLUSION

50 That the requested treatment of *No Stopping* be legally established to make it unlawful for parents to stop on the service road opposite school buses, thus deterring children from crossing the service road between buses. However, the issue will need to be monitored to ensure parent parking does not move onto Wandella Road itself and the school should develop a behavioural program in conjunction with the RTA school road safety unit to address road safety concerns outside the school, including those raised.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That, as requested and as per the attached plan, 60.0 metres of *No Stopping* zone be established on the south side of the Wandella Road service road to Cobargo Public School. This is to be opposite the school bus zone, extend from the east exit of the service road on Wandella Road to 60.0 metres west of that exit, and operate 8.30am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm on school days as per existing bus zones.
- 60 2. That the *No Stopping* zone and parent parking issue be monitored.
3. That Cobargo Public School, in conjunction with the RTA school road safety unit at Wollongong, develop and implement a behavioural program to address road safety concerns outside the school.

