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Subject: Request for Parking Scheme Review - Garden Road and Northland

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Dear Evandro

Further to our recent discussion, and on behalf of the residents of Northland, Creswick Valley Residents Association would like to formally request that WCC undertake an area-wide review of parking for Garden Road, Northland Village and adjacent streets with particular priority being given to the implementation of a residents parking scheme for Garden Road.

Background

CVRA has submitted many times since 2016 on traffic and parking matters, the most recent being our October 2021 submission on the installation of NSAAT lines on Garden Road (proposal TR123-21). Comments from residents regarding parking problems in Northland highlight several common issues that would be better considered in a whole of area approach, as any solution to a problem in one road generally causes a flow-on effect in another.

Garden Road and other roads around Northland Village are increasingly used by commuters who park and ride or park and walk. This means car parks are not available for use by residents. The residents are unable to find parks in nearby streets for the same reason. Installation of a cohesive Residents' Parking Scheme along the whole length of Garden Road should be considered to provide for Garden Road residents. In the recent TR123-21 feedback, six submissions (out of 7) opposed the change proposed and each requested that priority be given to the requirements of residents. The proposed change went ahead regardless.

We now note that consideration is being given to removing the parking lane on one side of Glenmore Street to create a cycle lane. While this will improve safety for cyclists and help with traffic flow, which we support, it will also remove many car parks. These commuters are likely to search for a park in the surrounding streets.

Action Requested

We consider Garden Road to be a priority but consider that an area-wide review is also required, encompassing Northland village, the roads around the village and the roads around the tunnels. These roads are increasingly used by commuters for parking; there are apartments being constructed in Northland (which do not have carparks); and short-term parking for users of the shops needs to be retained. In addition, given Northland's topography, there are some roads where space for parking is challenging for existing residents, while allowing adequate access for emergency services and service vehicles.

We would like to discuss with you the timeline and process for instigating such a review, and the process for involving the community in these discussions. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sara Clarke

Chair

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