

Submission to WCC

From Creswick Valley Residents Association

re Tr136-17 – Proposal for No Stopping At All Times (NSAAT) on Garden Road

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This submission is on behalf of our members. As one member said “We fully support WCC's proposal We have witnessed and personally experienced so many near misses on the narrow and windy Garden road with cars parked on both sides of the street. The current arrangement poses a significant hazard for traffic and even pedestrians”.

Regarding the specific changes proposed:

1. For Area 1 (54-48 Garden Road) – we fully support the addition of NSAAT lines as proposed.

This is the area where commuters are currently parking around the corner. For the record – your summary document states that the addition of these lines will reduce parking spaces by 20. This implies that 20 cars park in this area. This is wrong – if 20 cars parked there the road would be completely blocked. In fact 3-5 cars park there regularly – as you state elsewhere in the document.

2. For Area 2 (42-38 Garden Road) – we support the addition of NSAAT lines but request that they be extended further uphill to join up with the existing lines in front of 38 Garden Road. This is what we originally requested in our submission in August 2016 and it has been identified as a flaw in the current proposal by a number of our members.

The reason for this is that the road at this location (about 38 Garden Road) is narrow, and cars can only park on one side of the road. If you leave a gap where cars are theoretically able to park either side – it creates a pinch point. Given that there is room for only one car to park either side, the traffic flow and safety will be much better if drivers are constrained to park on one side only, with no net loss of parking spaces (over those lost as a result of the proposal).

3. For Area 3 (34-32 Garden Road) – we fully support the addition of NSAAT lines as proposed.

This area too is narrow, and practically, cars can park on only one side of the road. Installing the new lines is consistent with long-standing practice, that cars park only on the uphill (inside) side of the road.

Additional comments:

We also request that the parking restrictions at the top of Garden Road (at the Northland Road intersection) be reviewed. In particular, we recommend that the NSAAT outside 2 Garden Road be extended further downhill. The off-road area on the opposite side of the road – tucked in under the walking path up to Northland Road, could easily be tidied up by pruning the vegetation, and provision made for around three cars to park there.

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Secretary, CVRA