



City of **HOBART**

Memorandum: Lord Mayor
Deputy Lord Mayor
Elected Members

Response to Question Without Notice

WOMBAT CROSSING - HILL STREET / ARTHUR STREET, WEST HOBART

Meeting: City Infrastructure Committee

Meeting date: 26 February 2020

Raised by: Alderman Briscoe

Question:

In relation to the wombat crossing located on the corner of Hill and Arthur Streets, West Hobart, could the Director please advise if any solutions have been considered for this location and if so, could the Director please advise what has been suggested?

Response:

The intersection of Hill Street and Arthur Street was carefully considered in the period leading up to and following the opening of the 'Hill Street Grocer' store at the site with frontage to this intersection.

The matter was most recently reported to the City Infrastructure Committee on 27 April 2016. That report included discussion of options such as installation of traffic signals, a roundabout and other treatments at the Hill Street / Arthur Street intersection. The five recommendations described below were adopted.

PRIORITY: IMMEDIATE

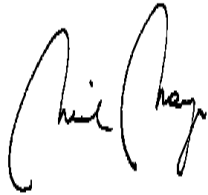
- 1. Consult with key stakeholders about on-street parking on Hill Street between Arthur Street and the northern driveway to AA Lord Homes.*
- 2. Hill Street Grocer provide additional signage within their car park.*
- 3. Prepare a design for extended medians on Hill Street and Arthur Street.*

PRIORITY: IN CURRENT BUDGET PERIOD

4. *Subject to a suitable design, implement a median treatment in Arthur Street to prevent the right turn out of Hill Street Grocer without negatively impacting the right turn into Mellifont Street.*
5. *Review the effectiveness of any parking changes implemented (as per Item 1). If additional works are considered necessary and following consultation with the Hill Street Grocer — implement a median treatment in Hill Street to prevent the right turn into Hill Street Grocer.*

These five recommendations were completed, and reported to Elected Members via memorandum dated 7 April 2017 (Copy attached).

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.



Neil Noye
DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING

Date: 18 June 2020
File Reference: F20/28343; 13-1-10

Attachment A: Memo - 70 Arthur Street West Hobart - Hill Street Grocer - April 2017



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7 April 2017

**MEMORANDUM: LORD MAYOR
DEPUTY LORD MAYOR
ALDERMEN**

**SURROUNDS 70 ARTHUR STREET
(HILL STREET GROCER), WEST HOBART
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT REVIEW**

This memorandum is to advise Aldermen of the updating of the Traffic Management Review of the surrounds of the Hill Street Grocer Store at 70 Arthur Street in West Hobart.

The Council resolved on 7 September 2015, inter alia, that:

“A review of the traffic issues identified in the report attached to Supplementary item 13 of the City Infrastructure Committee agenda of 26 August 2015, in relation to the new ‘Hill Street Grocer’ store in Hill Street, West Hobart, be conducted in six months time.”

That review was undertaken, and a list of recommendations reported to the City Infrastructure Committee on 27 April 2016.

The recommendations that were adopted by the Committee at its meeting of 27 April 2016 were:

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1. *Consult with key stakeholders about on-street parking on Hill Street between Arthur Street and the northern driveway to AA Lord Homes.*
2. *Hill Street Grocer provide additional signage within their car park.*
3. *Prepare a design for extended medians on Hill Street and Arthur Street.*

PRIORITY: IN CURRENT BUDGET PERIOD

4. *Subject to a suitable design, implement a median treatment in Arthur Street to prevent the right turn out of Hill Street Grocer without negatively impacting the right turn into Mellifont Street.*

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5. *Review the effectiveness of any parking changes implemented (as per Item 1). If additional works are considered necessary and following consultation with the Hill Street Grocer — implement a median treatment in Hill Street to prevent the right turn into Hill Street Grocer.*

All five of these actions have now been completed.

Surveys of vehicular and pedestrian movements in the surrounds of the subject site have demonstrated that the on-street parking restrictions implemented on Hill Street have been effective in reducing the incidences of city bound traffic on Hill Street being obstructed by a vehicle waiting to turn right into the Hill Street Grocer car park.

- On 21 July 2015, between 2:30pm and 5:45pm, 71 drivers turned right into the Hill Street Grocer car park, with 30 (42.3%) of those drivers having to wait on Hill Street for an opportunity to turn into the car park. 12 times (16.9%), vehicles waiting to turn right blocked southbound traffic on Hill Street.
- On 21 April 2017 (after the installation of parking restrictions on Hill Street), between 2.30pm and 5.45pm, 82 drivers turned right into the Hill Street Grocer car park, with 37 (45.1%) of those drivers having to wait on Hill Street for an opportunity to turn into the car park. 2 times (2.4%), vehicles waiting to turn right blocked southbound traffic on Hill Street.

As such, it is not proposed that the implementation of a median treatment in Hill Street to prevent the right turn into the Hill Street Grocer be proceeded with.

The extension of the median treatment opposite the driveway exit from the Hill Street Grocer onto Arthur Street has been effective in reducing the number of drivers turning right out of the Hill Street Grocer driveway.

- On 28 July 2015, between 2.30pm and 5.30pm, 238 drivers exited the Hill Street Grocer car park, with 64 (26.9%) ignoring the 'no right turn' signage and making a right turn.
- On 28 March 2017 (after the installation of the median treatment and signage updates), between 2.30pm and 5.30pm, 235 drivers exited the Hill Street Grocer car park, with 4 (1.7%) ignoring the 'no right turn' signage and making a right turn. 9 other drivers (3.8%) were observed to turn left out of the car park and then perform a u-turn, either in Butterworth Street or on Arthur Street west of Mellifont Street.

Based on the review, the main issues relating specifically to the opening of the Hill Street Grocer at 70 Arthur Street, West Hobart are considered to have been mitigated. No further actions are proposed.



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