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Mr Craig Swift McNair
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Via email

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Dear Craig

New Beach Road Darling Point – Parking of trailers

We have received several complaints from residents of New Beach Road, Darling Point, regarding parking of trailers, sail storage trailers and large trades vehicles for very long periods of time. There has been a horse box trailer has been parked outside CYCA for at least 4 months.

Currently the time limit for trailers in Darling Point is 28 days and maximum length is around 13 metres. These limits are inadequate. Most residents feel that controls are loose, and that enforcement measures are inadequately resourced. In recent years the average size of domestic vehicles has increased by around 30%, as well trade contractor's trucks (also much larger) arrive every morning further reducing the free parking spaces available for residents.

One of these places is New Beach Road where currently trailers, boats, horse floats and sail storage trailers are taking up around thirty five parking spaces. Available free parking spaces seem to number less than 10% on a recent walk-around. Often there are no free parking spaces. The western side has few restrictions, the eastern side very heavy restrictions. Why the inconsistency? Perhaps there is an 'understanding' between the CYCA and the WMC? If so please clarify the reason for the inconsistency.

In general, boat trailers, horse trailers, trade trailers, sail storage trailers are currently permitted to stay in a parking place for 28 days. In New beach Rd horse trailers and sail storage trailers stay for months without penalty, on the western side.

It would be a most welcome change to enforce the same parking restrictions between Yarranabbe Road and New South Road as for the northern end of New Beach Road.

Thank you for considering this problem which is congesting a beautiful area next to the harbour.

Why not charge for a scarce resource such as the parking spaces taken up by boats and mobile sail trailers. \$300 a week would be a reasonable charge? Maximum time say two weeks?

Regards



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