



# Memo

10 February 2020

To: All Devonport-Takapuna Local Board members  
cc: Eric Perry – Relationship Manager, Local Board Services  
Marilyn Nicolls – Elected Member Relationship Manager, Auckland Transport  
From: Tristan Coulson – Senior Advisor, Local Board Services

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**Subject: Response to Notice of Motion – Parking issues at Auburn Reserve, Takapuna**

The purpose of this memo is to respond to the Notice of Motion (NoM) titled *Parking issues at Auburn Reserve, Takapuna*, to be considered at the 18 February 2020 Devonport-Takapuna Local Board business meeting. This NoM has been moved by Member O'Connor and seconded by Member Jackson.

## Background

At the November 2019 Devonport-Takapuna Local Board business meeting, the local board received a deputation from Anne Mortimer, President of the Takapuna Croquet Club about parking issues at Auburn Reserve, Takapuna. The local board then requested staff report back with options and approaches to potentially resolve the carparking issues at the reserve.

## Response

Following receipt of the NoM, Local Board Services staff provided advice to Members O'Connor and Jackson on matters such as desired outcome, progress and recommended next steps.

This advice is included below as it continues to be directly related to the proposed recommendations in the NoM.

**From:** Tristan Coulson

**Sent:** Thursday, 19 December 2019 3:26 PM

**To:** Ruth Jackson (Devonport-Takapuna Local Board), Jan O'Connor (Devonport - Takapuna Local Board)

**Cc:** Marilyn Nicholls (AT); Rhiannon Guinness, Eric Perry; Aidan Bennett (Devonport - Takapuna Local Board)

**Subject:** RE: NOM re Auburn Reserve - for DTLB business meeting February 2020

Hello Jan and Ruth,

Rhiannon has forwarded me your Notice of Motion (NoM) which is proposed for the February business meeting. I have reviewed the NoM and I have a few comments and suggestions that you may wish to consider. As follows:

### Progress since public forum

Following the public forum item, Local Board Services, Community Facilities and Auckland Transport staff have met on multiple occasions to discuss and identify options to resolve the issues at Auburn Reserve. As I noted in my update at the December business meeting, the intention is to provide a report with options for the local board to consider and recommend a way forward.

You will recall that Marilyn and I both advised that making changes that will actually improve the situation requires careful consideration of a range of factors. There is no assurance that changing the times will improve and / resolve the parking problems.

*I also advised that a report will be presented to the local board at the February business meeting, which will outline the options available to consider. While still draft, the options may include solutions such as a dedicated area for parking with a ticketing machine, or change in parking times, like your suggestion.*

#### Proposed recommendation

*It is important to highlight that the local board does not have the decision-making authority to change parking times in a reserve. This is because the local board completed the process so that Auckland Transport (AT) is responsible for enforcing the area. As a result, any changes must be approved by their Traffic Control Committee.*

*The local board can however recommend to AT that they undertake a process to change the parking times, however there will likely be a cost incurred which will need to be funded from the local board's operational funds. Has there been considered given to this and where the money might come from when preparing the NoM?*

*In my view, it is risky to pass a recommendation in the absence of any information, data or analysis to suggest changing it to P60 will improve the situation at Auburn Reserve. As noted, the recommendation doesn't propose how initiating the change will be funded.*

#### Advice

*My advice to you both may wish to reconsider the NoM and let the officers report, which will be presented in February be the primary mechanism to inform your decision-making on this matter. As stated in this email, the report will provide options, and their respective costs which in turn will enable the local board to make a quality decision which can address the problems at the reserve.*

*All the staff here are committed to finding a solution for the local board and community groups, and as you can see, we are working through them and preparing solutions.*

*My suggestion is that we have a meeting in the new year to discuss this further.*

*Please let me know if you have any questions.*

*Kind regards,*

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#### **Advice and next steps**

As detailed in the email to local board members, staff are reporting this matter at the February 2020 local board business meeting. Staff do not support the recommendation B in the NoM because it is not underpinned by evidence or an assessment which suggests changing the parking restrictions to P60 will improve or resolve the issues at the reserve.

The local board is not the decision-maker for determining or changing parking restrictions on the reserve. As a result, recommendation B cannot be implemented. Auckland Transport's Traffic Control Committee is responsible for this activity, and they require an assessment to inform any proposed changes to parking restrictions at the reserve.

Staff advise that the report should be the primary mechanism to guide the local board's decisions on the parking issues at the Reserve. This will ensure that decisions have been informed by staff advice, analysis and enable evidence-based decision-making.