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Environment & Infrastructure
Committee Meeting

Monday, 18 July, 2005

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DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

MEMBERS: The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor, Mr P F Adamson; Alderman J E Collins; Alderman R K Elix; Alderman H I Galton; Alderman J L Sangster.

OFFICERS: Chief Executive Officer, Mr A R McGill; Acting Director Technical Services, Mr D Perry; Design & Development Manager, Mr M Spangler; Environmental Manager, Mrs A Hesse; Operations Engineer, Mr D Thiele; Committee Support Officer, Miss M Graham.

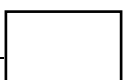
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Committee's Responsibilities

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| * Car Parking | * Public Facilities |
| * Council Buildings | * Roads |
| * Drainage | * Street Lighting |
| * Environmental Management | * Traffic Management |
| * Parks and Reserves | * Urban Enhancement |
| * Plant Management | * Waste Management |

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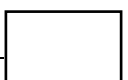


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1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

Election of Chairman

At the 2nd Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 June, 2005, the Committee Members informally elected Alderman R K Elix as Chairman of the Environment & Infrastructure Committee.

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority that Alderman R K Elix be elected as Chairman of the Environment & Infrastructure Committee for the period ending 30 June, 2006.

DECISION NO.19\ (18/07/05)

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.1 Apologies

2.2 Leave of Absence Granted

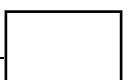
THAT it be noted the Lord Mayor, Mr P F Adamson is an apology due to a Leave of Absence being previously granted on 12 July 2005, for the period 14 – 23 July, 2005.

DECISION NO.19\ (18/07/05)

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF ELECTED MEMBERS

3.1 Member's Interests

3.2 Potential Interests



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Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting - Monday, 18 July, 2005**4 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS****COMMITTEE'S DECISION**

THAT pursuant to Section 19 of the Local Government Act and Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the following Items:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Regulation</u>	<u>Reason</u>
C14.1	13 (1) (a)	Personnel matters concerning particular individuals, of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations.

DECISION NO.19\ (18/07/05)

5 WITHDRAWAL OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**COMMITTEE'S DECISION**

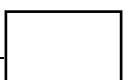
THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority that all Information Items and Officers Reports to the Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Monday, 18 July, 2005, be received and all recommendations contained therein be adopted by general consent with the exception of Item Number

DECISION NO.19\ (18/06/05)

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES PERTAINING TO THE PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING**COMMITTEE'S DECISION**

THAT the Committee resolve that the minutes of the previous Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Monday, 20 June, 2005, tabled by the Chairman, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

DECISION NO.19\ (18/06/05)

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES PERTAINING TO THE PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE MEETING

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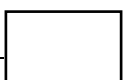
- 8.1 Taxi and Mini Bus Rank Outside 7115 (47) Cavenagh Street, Darwin**
 Common No.875258 Document No. 875258 (13/05/05) Document
 No.881730 (30/05/05)

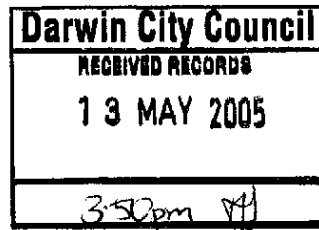
COMMITTEE'S DECISION

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

- A. THAT Document Number 875258 dated 13 May, 2005, received from Mr Steve McNamee in relation to the establishment of the new taxi and mini bus rank and the loss of five (5) car bays beside the CBD Plaza complex on Cavenagh Street, Darwin, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Documents Number 881730 dated 30 May, 2005, from the Regulatory Services Supervisor, Mr Neil Dyer responding to a letter received from Mr Steve McNamee, in relation to the establishment of the new taxi and mini bus rank and the loss of five (5) car bays beside the CBD Plaza complex on Cavenagh Street, Darwin, be received and noted.
- C. THAT the Committee determine what action it wishes to take on this matter.

DECISION NO.19\ (18/06/05)



13th May/05

Neil Dyer
Regulatory Services Officer
DCC

Re: Loss of 5 parking bays on Cavenagh Street adjacent to Woolworths

Neil,

Further to our phone conversation of The 10th May, I would like to report that neither TIO nor Woolworths have been consulted on the creation of Taxi and Mini Bus bays adjacent to their premises. I can state this categorically as I have met with the management of both.

I have also spent a collective 2 hours at differing times of day, on site, asking motorists who frequently use these parking bays if they knew about the changes or had been consulted. I will not repeat some of the anti Council expletives that were offered in reply.

On being questioned by myself, a Taxi driver (I know him by sight not name, so I can verify if needed) told me that the Taxi Council had done a deal with DCC on the bays.

With all due respect Neil, you may take offence when I suggest that DCC has done a Deal with Taxi and Minibus operators, but the evidence indicates otherwise.

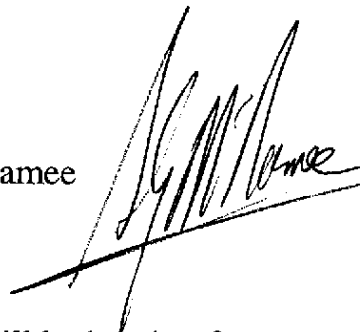
If DCC used 'Consultants' to arrive at their decision, I am afraid the Consultant has failed to consult, which has resulted in a flawed decision by DCC.

Removing 5 of the most used parking bays (24/7) in the CBD, has done the Community a disservice, and should be reviewed immediately.

I trust common sense prevails.

Sincerely,

Steve McNamee



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PS. DCC will be hearing from Woolies and TIO imminently, neither seems happy. How do you think Woolies feels, with their efforts to get a Liquor Licence in an area not 20 paces away. Don't you realise that if they eventually get a licence (now made harder by this development) DCC will have inadvertently created the old Woolies site mistake, of having 'get away' transport for problem drinkers only a few steps from the Liquor Outlet.

cc Lyons Ward Alderman / Alan McGill / TIO 9WLW. 6

Please quote: 875258 ss

30 May 2005

Mr Steve McNamee
GPO Box 91
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Mr McNamee

Taxi and Mini Bus rank Outside 7115 (47) Cavenagh Street Darwin

Thank you for your letter dated 13 May 2005 regarding the establishment of the new taxi and minibus rank beside the CBD Plaza complex on Cavenagh Street Darwin. The comments contained in the letter have been noted and will be taken into consideration should future amendments to on-street parking occur.

In 2004 Council commissioned a consultant to review the specialist on-street parking bays within the CBD. As a result of the recommendations contained within that report, Council has, with further investigation and consultation commenced with the implementation of a number of those recommendations.

After reviewing the file for the above amendment it has become evident that although consultation with business around the CBD plaza complex did occur, no direct contact was made with Woolworths or TIO.

Should require any further information regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact this office on 89300610.

Yours sincerely

NEIL DYER
REGULATORY SERVICES SUPERVISOR

ENCL: YES

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

DATE: 8/7/05

REPORT

TO: ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE
MEETING / OPEN A

APPROVED: JL

FROM: DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES

APPROVED: DP

REPORT NO: 05TS0162

COMMON NUMBER: 325959

SUBJECT: PARKLAND PROPOSAL - LOT 6214 & PROPOSED LOT 7525
O'FERRALS ROAD BAYVIEW

ITEM NO: 9.1

SYNOPSIS:

Recent meetings between DIPE, Dover Investments and the Parks Department discussed land tenure and maintenance issues in the Bayview subdivision.

In the course of these discussions, the option of Lot 6214 and proposed Lot 7525 being transferred to Council as open space parkland was raised.

The zoning of these lots has previously been discussed at Town Planning Committee Meetings. These meetings resolved not to accept these Lots as open space for parkland.

Recommendations at these meetings did, however, outline conditional requirements in order for Council to accept the respective Lots as open space for parkland.

The following decision regarding proposed Lot 7525 was resolved by Council on 29 November 2004:

"Council raises no objection to the rezoning of proposed Lot 7525 to O1 provided it is not responsible for ownership and maintenance of this land. Advice from the authority or body which is expected to take ownership or be responsible for maintenance, should be sought in relation to rezoning of this proposed open space.

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*Council **will not** be responsible for the maintenance of O'Ferral's Rock on its surrounds. Council would object to the surrounding of land (proposed Lot 7525) to open space if it was expected to take control of the land.*

Council requests the Authority confirms with the applicant details of ownership and maintenance of the area identified for open space. The submitted plans fail to denote responsibility for maintenance of open space and these matters need to be resolved prior to any Development Permit being issued.

Whilst Council supports public open space within multi-lot residential developments, it is important that Council is consulted in the early stages of planning in respect to the location and size of the areas of open space which it is expected to be responsible for. Council is not supportive of small areas of public open space (around 1000m² or less) as they offer limited opportunities for public recreational use and are difficult to maintain."

Decision 19\863 (29/11/04)

Carried

The following decision regarding Lot 6214 was resolved by Council on 3 February 2003:

"While Council supports in principle the proposed rezoning of proposed Lot 6214 from R2 to O1, Council cannot support this application until the following issues are adequately addressed.

It is not clear from the proposed rezoning application whether proposed Lot 6214 will be handed to Council for use as a public park.

Proposed Lot 6214 appears to form part of "O'Ferrals Rock" which is a distinctive nature feature in the Bayview area. In order to ensure O'Ferrals Rock is appropriately managed, it is recommended the whole of O'Ferrals Rock be zoned Open Space and be owned and managed by the same authority. Council considers the responsible authority should be the Northern Territory Government.

Proposed Lot 6214 has an area of 1330m² and has an irregular shape. Council does not support the creation of numerous small parks throughout residential suburbs. Larger, more centrally located parks are considered preferable, as they are more cost-effective to manage and offer a wider range of recreation opportunities for residents.

Council will not accept the parcel for the purpose of a public park unless the park is designed and constructed to the satisfaction of the Director, Technical Services, Darwin City Council and at no cost to Council."

Decision 18\4579 (03/02/03)

Carried

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GENERAL:

Location and condition of Lot 6214 and proposed Lot 7525

Lot 6214 and proposed Lot 7525 are adjacent lots located at the southern end of O'Ferrals Road. They lie on the western side of O'Ferrals Rock, a natural feature registered as an Aboriginal sacred site. Lot 7525 also borders the northern side of O'Ferrals Rock (**Attachment A**).

Due to the developer (Dover Investments) installing park infrastructure in a section of Lot 7525 (including irrigation and seating) and maintaining this area, this gives the impression that adjoining Lot 6214 is a larger parcel of land (extending to a point in line with the northern most edge of O'Ferrals Rock).

Lot 6214 is not irrigated or mowed and is of a poor condition due to its use as a parking area for construction machinery and vehicles.

Dover Investments attempted to hand over this lot to Council for use as parkland, but this was declined (as per the Town Council Planning Committee decision outlined above). It was converted to Crown Land under DIPE's authority.

Status of Lot 6214 and proposed Lot 7525

Preliminary discussions between DIPE and the Parks Department has included a verbal offer to Council for the take over of Lot 6214 as an open space area if it wishes. DIPE has indicated that it is prepared to proceed with a hand-over, though no formal offer as yet has been made.

Proposed Lot 7525, as part of plans for future subdivision development by Dover Investments, has been conceived as a linkage corridor bordering "O'Ferrals Rock Cultural Precinct Park". This extension of the present subdivision remains conceptual, and has yet to receive any approval from the Development Consent Authority or the Northern Territory Government (**Attachment B**).

Issues associated with Council take over of Lot 6214 and proposed Lot 7525

There are a number of issues for Council to consider in respect to the option of taking over these two lots for parkland:

- Dover Investments is an entity associated with the HWE group of companies, currently in receivership. This adds a measure of uncertainty to the proposed future subdivision development. There is also no guarantee of approval from the relevant statutory bodies.

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- There would be the perception that Council is responsible for maintenance (ie rubbish removal, weed control, preservation) of the adjoining O’Ferrals Rock sacred site.
- If both lots were taken over by Council, this would in part address area requirements for parkland, with a combined area of 3500 m2. However the shape of the park would not be ideal and only suitable for a restricted number of recreation activities.
- If only Lot 6214 was taken over, there would be the expectation that Council also maintain the area on adjoining proposed Lot 7525 that is presently irrigated and mowed (as outlined above).
- There are two nearby parks that residents living along O’Ferrals Road have access to: Seascapes Park on Fanning Drive and Stoddart Park on Stoddart Drive.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

If Council resolves to take over both lots, this would require additional maintenance funding for park infrastructure and assets.

CORPORATE PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Action Plan of the Darwin City Council 2004 - 2008:

1. Corporate Governance

1.1 Decision Making

Goal - To ensure that Council decision making is based on full and accurate information and consistent procedures

1.2 Planning

Goal - To maintain a planned approach to Councils programs

3. Corporate Services

3.3 Asset Management

Goal - To apply a total asset management approach to Council assets

4. Infrastructure Management

4.3 Developer Interaction

Goal - To encourage appropriate interaction between the council and developers

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5. Environmental Management

5.2 Built Environment

Goal – Influence government and private developer to develop and maintain projects in a way which reflects the unique Darwin lifestyle and enhances quality of life

5.3 Town Planning

Goal - To make a meaningful contribution to the planning and development of Darwin City Council

6. Community Services

6.3 Community Planning

Goal - To adequately plan for the future and social development of Darwin

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

Lot 6214 has been developed and maintained by the Developer as open space for an on maintenance period of twelve months, which has given developers and residents the perception that the open space will continue to be maintained as parkland.

It will be assumed by the public that the council will be the recipient of this open space and accordingly there may be a negative impact on Council for not taking responsibility for the area.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

DELEGATION:

Nil

CONSULTATION:

Rebecca Fuller	DIPE, Land Administration
Peter Poole	Dover Investments
Michael Lowell	Technical Officer
Dave Perry	Parks and Reserves Manager

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PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

Nil

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be a recommendation to Council: -

- A. THAT Report Number 05TS0162 entitled Proposed Parkland – Lot 6214 and proposed Lot 7525 O'Ferrals Road Bayview, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council considers the following options:
 1. Council will accept only Lot 6214 as open space for parkland.

OR

 2. Council accepts both Lot 6214 and proposed Lot 7525 as open space for parkland.

OR

 3. Council decline both Lot 6214 and proposed Lot 7525.

DAVID PERRY
ACTING DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

Any queries on this report may be directed to Jonathan Lamb on extension 5400.

ENCL: YES

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

REPORT

DATE: 8/7/05

TO: ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE
MEETING/OPEN A

APPROVED: JL

FROM: DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES

APPROVED: DP

REPORT NO: 05TS0190

COMMON NO: 418557

SUBJECT: CASUARINA LANDSCAPE PLAN

ITEM NO: 9.2

SYNOPSIS:

Civil works and associated construction is nearing completion at the Trower Road entrance to the Casuarina Coastal Reserve.

The Parks Department is currently reviewing landscape options for the entrance and has enlisted Clouston Associates to provide landscape architecture services.

GENERAL:

Clouston Associates have prepared a preliminary design concept for the area to be landscaped (**Attachment A**).

The proposed design enhances the Daribah / Trower Road entry to the Casuarina Coastal Reserve (CCR), with consideration to the views and amenity of nearby residents and the large number of visitors to CCR.

The area to be landscaped encompasses land administered by the Northern Territory Government, Parks and Wildlife Commission and Council.

Council has authority over the road reserve and nature strip on Trower Road up to and including the roundabout at the Daribah Rd intersection (excluding the area surrounding the interpretive sign and shelter). The land on the western side of the roundabout is maintained by the NT Government and the Parks and Wildlife Commission.

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Clouston Associates and the Parks Department have begun liaising with the NT Government and Parks and Wildlife Commission regarding landscape design and construction.

The Parks and Reserves Manager is requesting feedback from elected members on the landscape design concept within the next 14 days so that comments can be forwarded to Clouston Associates.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Initial estimates by Clouston Associates for landscape construction place the expense at approximately \$120,000. They have since reviewed this figure and presently estimate the cost of approximately \$200,000.

Council has allocated \$118,000 in the 2005/06 budget for the landscape construction (excluding design expense of \$18,140+GST). The Parks and Reserves Manager is seeking additional funding from the NT Government.

CORPORATE PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Action Plan of the Darwin City Council 2004 - 2008:

1. Corporate Governance

1.1 Decision Making

Goal - To ensure that Council decision making is based on full and accurate information and consistent procedures

1.3 Intergovernmental Relations

Goal - To enhance effective relations with the Federal and Northern Territory Governments and other Councils

3. Corporate Services

3.3 Asset Management

Goal - To apply a total asset management approach to Council assets

4. Infrastructure Management

4.1 Public Safety (Infrastructure)

Goal - To provide infrastructure in such a manner that promotes safety

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5. Environmental Management

5.1 Natural environment

Goal – Enhance, preserve and protect the Darwin environment

5.2 Built Environment

Goal – Influence government and private developer to develop and maintain projects in a way which reflects the unique Darwin lifestyle and enhances quality of life

5.3 Town Planning

Goal - To make a meaningful contribution to the planning and development of Darwin City Council

6. Community Services

6.3 Community Planning

Goal - To adequately plan for the future and social development of Darwin

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

The landscape proposal is taking into consideration the collection and discharge of stormwater from the landscaped area, together ensuring that the current dust issues within the environment are addressed through landscape suppression methods.

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

Concerns have been expressed in the past regarding the amount of dust that affects the surrounding residents. The landscape design has addressed those issues within the design.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

The landscape design for this precinct has been based on ensuring that Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Principles have been adhered to.

DELEGATION:

Nil

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CONSULTATION:

Belinda Townsend	Clouston Associates
Tony Cox	Clouston Associates
Ken Gardner	DIPE, Urban Enhancement
Dave Perry	Parks and Reserves Manager
Mark Spangler	Design and Development Manager

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

Residents along Trower Road immediately adjacent the proposed landscape area will be consulted and their opinions sought on the landscape design.

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 05TS0190 entitled Casuarina Landscape Plan, be received and noted.
- B. THAT in the event that additional funding is not forthcoming from the Northern Territory Government, Council still proceed to landscape the nature strip and road reserve that it has authority over.

DAVE PERRY
ACTING DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES

Any queries on this report may be directed to Jonathan Lamb on extension 5400

ENCL: YES

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

REPORT

DATE: 06/07/05

TO: ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE
MEETING/OPEN A

APPROVED: DT

FROM: ACTING DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES

APPROVED: DP

REPORT NO: 05TS0188

COMMON NO: 468541

SUBJECT: FEEDBACK ON THE TRIAL NIGHT CLOSURE OF BRADSHAW
TERRACE/KILFOYLE CRESCENT WALKWAY

ITEM NO: 9.3

SYNOPSIS:

This report reviews the feedback from a survey on the trial night time closure of the walkway between Bradshaw Terrace and Kilfoyle Crescent and recommends continuing the closures.

GENERAL:

The 3 month trial period for the night closure concluded on 11 June 2005. On 22 June 2005 staff letterboxed affected households in Bradshaw Terrace, Kilfoyle Crescent, Witherden Street and Goodman Street with a simple questionnaire (**Attachment A**) asking whether they supported or did not support the night closures and whether they had any comments. A stamped return address envelope was enclosed to encourage responses.

Feedback was also sought from NT Police and Nakara Neighbourhood Watch. No response was received from these two groups. Feedback has also been sought from Lend Lease.

The response from the survey was poor with only 25 responses. Of these 22 supported continuation of the night closures and 3 opposed it. Only one response was received from the two blocks of units and the house directly adjacent the walkway. This is very surprising given that they should be the most affected people.

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The majority of the comments centre on this being a “good start” with a reduction in antisocial behaviour at night, but problems were still being experienced on the streets and in Johnston Park. The objections centred around reduced access for late night users. There were suggestions that the opening hours should be extended. The survey responses have been collated into **Attachment B**.

Locking and Unlocking the Gates

Soon after the commencement of the trial staff received complaints that only one gate was being locked and that this was creating problems in the walkway. Staff contacted Lend Lease who advised that it was unsafe for their contractor to walk down the walkway and close both gates and that they were only prepared to close the gate closest to the shopping centre.

Given that the trial had commenced and that Lend Lease were not prepared to change their position, staff employed contractors to open and close both gates to enable the trial to be completed. It was impractical to have Lend Lease close one and Council’s contractor close the other, as we have to pay for the contractor to attend the site whether it be for one or two gates and the timing for the closures needs to be the same for public safety reasons. The cost for opening and closing the gates over the 3 month trial period was \$736.00.

The Environment & Infrastructure Committee resolved at its May meeting for the Lord Mayor to write to Lend Lease asking for them to recommit to locking the gates. At the time of writing this report we have not received a response. If Lend Lease fail to commit to locking the gates and if Council chooses to continue night closures of the walkway, staff recommend continuing the employment of contractors to manage this service.

Antisocial Behaviour

The responses indicate that while the night closure has reduced antisocial behaviour, there is still a significant problem in the area and particularly in Johnson Park. The Police have not provided any feedback on the trial. Staff suggest that the Lord Mayor writes to the Minister for Police requesting a greater presence in dealing with itinerants and drinkers in Johnson Park.

Process if Council Continues Night Closure

If Council chooses to continue night closures we have to comply with clauses 24E and 24F of the Local Government (Road Opening and Closing) Regulations (refer **Attachment C**).

Access to Casuarina Bus Interchange

The first buses leave Casuarina Bus Interchange at 6.25am and the last buses leave at 9.05pm. With the normal trial closures at 7.00pm some residents will be

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inconvenienced, although only two respondents advised that 7.00pm was too early. Staff recommend maintaining the current timings for the foreseeable future to match the closures in Amsterdam Circuit, which allows some efficiencies for the contractor to service all of the walkways in one driveby.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The cost to continue opening and closing the gates is \$2,950.00 p.a. Staff consider this price to be very low and would expect increases in the future. To date there has been no vandalism on the gates. Up to \$1,000 funding will be required for advertising the outcome of the trial. There has been no funding provided for this in the 05/06 budget and a first quarter variation would be required.

CORPORATE PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Action Plan of the Darwin City Council 2004 - 2008:

4. Infrastructure Management

Issue	Goal
4.1 Public Safety (Infrastructure)	to provide infrastructure in such a manner that promotes public safety

6. Community Services

Issue	Goal
6.6 Public Safety	To have a safe and secure community environment

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Council needs to comply with the requirements of the Local Government (Road Opening and Closing) Regulations.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

The vast majority of residents who responded to the survey were in favour of continuing the night closure. Residents in the catchment area will be notified of the outcome by a letterbox drop. Depending on Council's decision, the Public Affairs Unit will assess whether further media exposure is warranted.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

This is an initiative to improve community safety and security.

DELEGATION:

Nil.

CONSULTATION:

Residents via survey
NT Police – contacted but no response
Nakara Neighbourhood Watch – contacted but no response
Lend Lease – contacted but no response to date.

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

If Council decides to continue the trial the general public will be advised through public notices in the NT News as required by legislation.

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

Appropriate signage will be maintained on the walkway gates.

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REPORT NO: 05TS0188
SUBJECT: FEEDBACK ON TRIAL NIGHT CLOSURE OF BRADSHAW
TERRACE/KILFOYLE CRESCENT WALKWAY

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 05TS0188 entitled Feedback on Trial Night Closure of Bradshaw Terrace/Kilfoyle Crescent Walkway, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council continue with the night closures of the Bradshaw Terrace/Kilfoyle Crescent Walkway between the hours of 7.00pm and 6.00am every night except on late night trading days when it will be closed at 9.00pm.
- C. THAT Council allocate \$4,000 in the first quarter budget variation to provide for the opening and closing of the walkways and advertising costs as required by legislation.
- D. THAT affected residents be advised of the outcome and further processes through a letterbox drop.
- E. THAT the Lord Mayor write to the Minister for Police requesting a greater commitment to the containment of antisocial behaviour in this area, particularly in and around Johnson Park.

DAVE THIELE
OPERATIONS ENGINEER

DAVE PERRY
ACTING DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES

Any queries on this report may be directed to Dave Thiele on extension 5618.

Please quote: 468541:DTkt

21 June 2005

Dear Resident

Trial Night Time Closure of Walkway between Bradshaw Terrace and Kilfoyle Crescent Nakara

As you are probably aware Council undertook a 3 month trial of night time closures of the walkway between Bradshaw Terrace and Kilfoyle Crescent, Nakara to determine its impact on reducing antisocial behaviour in the area.

We are now seeking feedback from residents on its success or otherwise and any comments or suggestions you wish to make.

Attached is a very simple questionnaire and stamped self addressed envelope for ease of return.

We are not asking for residents names but are asking for you to provide your address so that we can gauge where the feedback comes from in relation to the walkway.

We would ask you to send us your response by close of business on 1 July 2005. If you have any queries please contact Council's Operations Secretary on 89300618.

Yours sincerely



DAVE THIELE
OPERATIONS ENGINEER

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cc Richardson Ward Alderman – Bailey, Collins & Lambert
NT Police
Nakara Neighbourhood Watch

QUESTIONNAIRE

**TRIAL NIGHT CLOSURE OF WALKWAY BETWEEN BRADSHAW
TERRACE AND KILFOYLE CRESCENT NAKARA**

Address:

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I/we support / do not support the continued night closure of the walkway between
Bradshaw Terrace and Kilfoyle Crescent, Nakara.

[PLEASE CIRCLE CHOSEN RESPONSE]

Comments/Suggestions:

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QUESTIONNAIRE SUMMARY REPORT

FEEDBACK ON THE TRIAL NIGHT CLOSURE OF BRADSHAW
TERRACE/KILFOYLE CRESCENT WALKWAY

Support for Closure 22 Closure Not Supported 3

Comments collected from questionnaire.

SUPPORTED

- I support the initiative as it has as it will have impact on reducing antisocial behaviour in the area.
- Increase lighting at ends of walkway to prevent people hiding in walkway.
- Please have more night patrols of the laneways and bus station and school areas and Johnson Park. These are "Hotspots" for unruly behaviour at night. Close off the laneway between Goodman Street and Witherden Street Too.
- We can't say if there are improvement after trial night closure of the walkpath but have noticed less empty cans and bottles in the park area during day when we walk in day Witherden/Kilfoyle Street.
- The law regarding excessive consumption of alcohol in public should be enforced! The park opposite the walkway should be for kids and not for drunk itinerants! If the problem is not solved, permanent closure of the walkway should be considered.
- It's ok but the hours should be 15 mins after the closure of Woolworths which is the closet supermarket for people to do last minute shopping.
- We have less break and enters and fewer people drinking in our driveway at night it is not safe to walk all the way around but it is not safe taking the walkway either.
- The night closure does seem to have helped in reducing anti-social behaviour in the area. Also, the walkway and path through the park are not as littered as they used to be with broken glass. We would not, however, support day closure.
- We are not personally affected by the closure of the walkway but if the closure is making a difference then it's a good idea.
- I think it's a great idea as I'm sick of picking up cans and rubbish outside my gate and listening to the local dogs barking at the drunks.
- Please continue to keep the walkway closed at night-time as it has been a positive thing to do. We now have peaceful nights. Thanks
- Shut at 7.30pm to cater for Darwin to Casuarina bus users. Open at 6 am, cater for bus users. Initial problem of people jumping my back fence seems to have ceased. Has not reduced itinerants drinking in the park causing antisocial behaviour including violence overall, the closure works therefore supported.
- Has reduced antisocial behaviour in the area.

- Living close by the closure has been a godsend. We have always been worried about what happens in the laneway. We feel more secure at night and so do our children. (Both Young)
- Whilst this has improved the park conditions drunk indigenous people continue to use the park leaving it full of rubbish. The gate is good however, we now get more drunks walking past our homes – it's a bigger issue than just a gate but it's a good start.
- It hasn't affected me as such although there is not so much traffic (People) walking up and down the street. Which starts the dogs barking etc. I support those who it effects closer to the walkway.
- I have not seen as many gangs of youth on bicycles hovering around Johnston Park in the evenings/night in the 3 months of the closure. The fence in the alleyway hasn't been cut and that's good for the flats there.
- Could open the gate at 6.20am to allow people catching the first Number 10 bus at 6.30am time to get to the bus stop.
- I noticed this week that someone has already cut a hole in the fence of an adjoining property and unless both gates are shut at both ends every night then people will still be able to walk through.
- I felt this was going to be a disaster with people using our complex as a thoroughfare but it hasn't happened, I'm therefore happy with the current night closure. It seems to have worked.

NOT SUPPORTED

- If the walkway is enclosed it is too far for young mothers to walk their toddlers to the shopping centre.
- I often get back from work late (after 7pm) and can't use laneway to access my house.
- Because I believe it has meant more youth walking around the streets instead of cutting through. I have rung the Police on more than one occasion and myself have dealt with noisy people in the street walking along at all hours of the night!

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ROAD OPENING AND CLOSING) REGULATIONS

24E. Alteration of operation of closure

- (1) A Council may determine to alter the operation of the temporary closure of a road by one or both of the following methods:
- (a) by altering the period or periods of closure;
 - (b) by extending the duration of the operation, but only if the duration as altered will not exceed 3 years from the date of commencement of the operation of the temporary closure under regulation 24D.
- (2) If a Council proposes to alter the operation of the temporary closure of a road, it must, not less than 2 months before the end of the period of operation, publish in a newspaper circulating in the Council area a notice stating –
- (a) the reasons for the Council's proposal to alter the operation;
 - (b) the manner in which the operation is to be altered; and
 - (c) that a person may object of the proposed alteration, not later than 21 days after publication of the notice, by advising the Council in writing of the objection and the reasons for it.
- (3) The Council must give written notice and details of the proposed alteration –
- (a) to the Minister and to the member of the Legislative Assembly for the electoral division in which the road is situated who may, within 21 days of receiving notice, make recommendations to the Council in relation to the proposed alterations; and
 - (b) to the Agencies or bodies providing or maintaining utilities on, in or over land that will be affected by the closure.

24F. Objections etc. relating to proposed alteration

- (1) If the Council receives objections to the proposed alteration made within the time specified in the notice published under regulation 24E, the Council must –
- (a) consider each objection; and
 - (b) accept or reject it.
- (2) Not later than one month after the expiry of the time for objections specified in the notice published under regulation 24E, the Council must –
- (a) determine whether or not to proceed with the alteration

- (b) if proceeding with the alteration – determine whether to vary the alteration as notified under regulation 24E; and
 - (c) publish in a newspaper circulating in the Council area a notice of its determination, including variations as determined under paragraph (b).
- (3) the Council may determine to vary the alteration of the operation of the closure only in a manner that will not substantially alter the proposal as notified under regulation 24E.
- (4) In deciding whether or not to proceed with the alteration, but without affecting the power to form an opinion or exercise in discretion, the Council must have regard to recommendations made under regulation 24E(4)(a) within the time referred to in that subregulation.

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Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting - Monday, 18 July, 2005

10 GENERAL BUSINESS**10.1 Outstanding Items**

ITEM NO.	MEETING REQUESTED	MEETING REQUIRED	SUBJECT MATTER	REASON FOR NON-SUBMISSION REMARKS
9.3.3	Ord Council 31/05/05 19\1605	Not specified	Parap Stormwater Drainage upgrade - Urquhart Street to Gregory Street	Further report to be submitted to future Ordinary Council Meeting
9.3.4	Ord Council 29/03/05 19\1323	Not specified	Central Darwin Streetscape Strategy Proposed Amendments	Final Draft of the Strategy to be submitted to a future Environment & Infrastructure Committee meeting.
10.2	Env & Infrast 12/05/05 19\1548	Not specified	Provision of bicycle racks in the Central Business District	Report to be submitted to future Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting
10.3	Env & Infrast 18/10/04 19\623	Not specified	Bicycle Path extensions within the municipality.	Report to be submitted to the August 2005 Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority that information contained in Item 10.1, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.19\ (18/06/05)

