

MOTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Phillip Martin will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

'THAT COUNCIL:

Noting there have been resident and pedestrian concerns about south bound vehicles diverting from O'Connell Street to Tynte Street through Lohrman Street (especially late at night), asks the Administration to monitor traffic on Lohrman Street with a view to recommending to Council, as necessary, any changes to improve public safety and residential amenity.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. Lohrman Street is a two-way public road that consists of a bitumen roadway that is publicly accessible for both vehicles and pedestrians, with the primary function of providing vehicle access to the rear of adjacent private properties.
2. Pedestrian access to adjacent private properties is available in Lohrman Street, however there is no dedicated footpath, and the adjacent properties have primary pedestrian access from their frontages on adjacent roads that have dedicated footpaths.
3. On-street parking is not permitted on Lohrman Street to maintain a clear roadway for all users.
4. South bound vehicles are permitted to divert from O'Connell Street to Tynte Street through Lohrman Street however there is existing 'No Through Road' signage at the entry to George Street from O'Connell Street, to discourage south bound vehicles diverting from O'Connell Street to Tynte Street through George Street.
5. There is also a 'No Through Road' sign for north bound vehicles at the entry of Lohrman Street from Tynte Street.
6. To prevent south bound vehicles diverting from O'Connell Street to Tynte Street through George Street and Lohrman Street, new traffic restrictions would be required such as a 'no left turn' restriction from O'Connell Street into George Street and/or 'No entry' signage to prevent access to Lohrman Street from George Street.
7. New traffic restrictions to prevent access from O'Connell Street into George Street may increase vehicle movements along Lohrman Street as south bound vehicles seeking to access George Street would need to do so via Tynte Street and Lohrman Street.
8. A 'No entry' sign to prevent access to Lohrman Street from George Street would require all vehicles entering George Street to undertake a u-turn within George Street to enable exit to O'Connell Street, which is considered an undesirable movement due to the narrow configuration of the street and the close proximity of buildings to the road.

9. Should Council resolve to support the proposed motion, the Administration will undertake a traffic management survey on Lohrman Street with the results to be provided to Council Members via E-News.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	Nil
External consultant advice	\$7,500 for additional resources via external consultant
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Nil
Impacts on existing projects	O'Connell Mainstreet Revitalisation project
Budget reallocation	Nil
Capital investment	Nil
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	37.5 hours (including external consultant time)
Other	Nil
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 4.5 hours.

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