

# Councillor Maher - QoN - Greening and Parking

Tuesday, 10 March 2026  
Council

**Council Member**  
Councillor Patrick Maher

Public

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## QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Patrick Maher will ask the following Question on Notice:**

'Noting that Councillors were provided with the following information regarding 'the loss of [on-street] parks over the duration of the greening program':

'To date, (across the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years) there has been a loss of four on-street car parks. The loss of car parks has been a result of the rationalisation of car parking zones where no line marking was in place. This occurred in the following streets: Gawler Place, Ifould Street, Bewes Street and Logan Street. In these cases, trees have been incorporated into the parking zone with car spaces now line marked as per Australian Standards.'

Can the Administration please respond to the following questions:

1. As the zones were not individually marked to standard, it may have been possible to park, for example, 3 average cars in the zone, 4 small cars in the zone, or even 1 large truck in the same zone. If the zone was not rationalised, how did Administration determine how many parking spaces existed in the zone prior to rationalisation?
2. Would the rationalisation of these zones to mark individual spaces per Australian Standards have resulted in the same 'loss' of parking spaces regardless of the addition of any trees?

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## REPLY

1. To understand the impact of new street trees on car parking in unmarked car parking zones, an assessment was conducted on that zone by calculating how many minimum sized car parks, that complied with the Australian Standard, would fit without trees and then with trees.
2. For example, in Gawler Place where trees were integrated into an existing parking zone, the number of minimum car spaces was six without any trees being planted. With trees planted, the number of minimum sized car parks was reduced to five.
3. Using the example of Gawler Place and assuming no street trees were planted within the street, the formalisation of minimum sized car parks by introducing line marking to delineate individual car park spaces would not have resulted in a reduction of car parking in the street.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 4.5 hours.
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