



Thames-Coromandel District Council

Parking Control Bylaw 2014

Statement of Proposal

Introduction

Thames-Coromandel District Council proposes to introduce 'no parking' restrictions in the residential streets of Hahei to address safety concerns.

While the proposal does not require an amendment to the text of the existing Parking Control Bylaw, the proposed change to Schedule 1 of the Bylaw is substantial so requires that Council consult with the community. This Statement of Proposal (SOP) is available to you as part of the consultation process. It explains the proposal and shows the streets affected. It also tells you how you can get involved and provide us with your feedback.

About the bylaw

The Land Transport Act 1998 enables the Council to make a bylaw prohibiting or restricting parking of vehicles. This provides Council with the ability to address: vehicles of any specified class or description; limiting the period of time that vehicles may park on any part of the road; prescribing the use of parking places, including reserving parking for persons who reside in the vicinity; and to specify roads or part of roads in residential areas where the parking is likely to cause a nuisance or danger. In doing so, the Council may erect signage and set fees payable to Council for the use of those parking spaces.

The purpose of the existing Bylaw is to set requirements for the control of parking in respect of roads, public places and parking areas owned or controlled by the Council in order to:

- a) Enhance road safety;
- b) Manage traffic flows effectively;
- c) Achieve an appropriate allocation of parking spaces between competing uses and provide for the needs of special user groups.

The Council's proposal

Proposed amendment

It is proposed to amend Schedule A to the bylaw to:

- a) Include 'no parking' restrictions in accordance with Section 8 of the bylaw on the residential streets of Hahei as shown on Map 1 including:
 - i. Placing broken yellow road marking on both sides of the identified roads; and
 - ii. Erecting signage to inform road users of the restrictions and direct traffic to the visitor carpark.

In establishing these parking restrictions Council will warrant compliance officers to undertake enforcement activity on behalf of the Council under the Land Transport Act 1998.

Reasons for the amendment

The Hahei Resident and Ratepayers Association alongside the Mercury Bay Community Board have raised the issue of unrestricted visitor parking throughout the Hahei settlement. The issue is particularly problematic over the peak holiday period and holiday weekends. Parking within residential streets has the effect of restricting traffic flow and is creating a safety issue for pedestrians. Some parking restrictions are already in place in Hahei, however further restrictions are required to limit where visitors to Hahei can safely park within the village area.

Legal considerations

Council has considered the proposed Parking Control Bylaw included with this Statement of Proposal and has determined that:

- An amendment to the Parking Control Bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the parking problem within Hahei thus ensuring the safety of road users and pedestrians. The Council considered other options for addressing the problem, each of which would require amendments to the bylaw.
- The proposed bylaw is the most appropriate form of bylaw for the purposes of consultation, it addresses a specific issue which can be utilised throughout the District where necessary.

Have your say

The consultation period for the proposed parking restriction will begin on 29 June 2018 and conclude at 4pm on 30 July 2018.

This is your opportunity to let the Council know what you think of the proposed parking restrictions in Hahei. There are many different ways for you to tell us what you think.

You can:

- read the bylaw and submit using our online consultation portal at www.haveyoursay-tcdc.objective.com ;
- email us at consultation@tcdc.govt.nz ;

- complete a submission form and post it to us at Thames-Coromandel District Council, Private Bag, Thames 3540; or
- drop it into the area offices in Thames, Coromandel, Whitianga or Whangamata.

Submission forms and hard copies of the statement of proposal and the bylaw are available at all our area offices and libraries.

If you have any questions about this proposal or about how to make a submission, please contact us on 07 868 0200 or email customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz

Hearings

Please tell us if you would like to attend a hearing to speak to Council in support of your submission, and include a telephone number and email address to ensure we can contact you to arrange a time for your presentation. Hearings will be held in Thames on 28 August 2018.

What happens next?

After the hearings, the Council will consider all the submissions received and make decisions on any amendments to the bylaw as a result. As a submitter you will be notified of the Council's decision.

Remember, you have until 4pm on 30 July 2018 to send us your feedback.

Map 1 - Extent of proposed parking restrictions in Hahei

