

MM-4 MAYORAL MINUTE - BOAT TRAILERS IN CANADA BAY

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REPORT

As Council would be aware, the issue of boats and dumped boat trailers adding to congestion and parking problems in our streets has been ongoing in our City.

With the popularity of our area, with its access to water, and our recent upgrades to our boatramps, the issue appears to be getting worse. Hotspots include:

- St Georges Crescent
- Drummoyne Avenue
- The Esplanade
- Walton Crescent
- Wymston Parade
- Phillip Street
- Burwood Road
- Bayswater Street

In 2013, we worked with various Councils, Transport NSW and the Roads and Maritime service (RMS) on their Boat Trailer Working Group, in drafting a report for long-term solutions.

In response to this report, the State Government announced \$5 million in new funding to build dedicated off-street boat trailer parking facilities and legislate three month parking measures for boat trailers in NSW on 18 November.

While this may look like a step in the right direction, it raises many questions for our community, the biggest one being the issue of space, not to mention the difficulty in enforcing three month parking restrictions.

We have lobbied the RMS, to utilise space under the M4 and the Gladesville Bridge for boat trailer parking facilities, but unfortunately the RMS are not willing to consider this option.

Unfortunately, without other readily available space, there seems to be few benefits for our community, in combatting this issue, on the back of this State Government announcement. This issue requires further refinement to ensure a satisfactory outcome for our community.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council write to the Minister for Roads and Freight and the Member for Drummoyne regarding the utilisation of space under the M4 and Gladesville Bridge for boat trailer parking