



# Thames-Coromandel District Council

## Parking Control Bylaw 2014

### Statement of Proposal

#### Introduction

Thames-Coromandel District Council proposes to amend the existing Parking Control Bylaw 2014 to address parking issues in residential streets.

In order to amend the bylaw the Council is required to prepare a statement of proposal (SOP). This SOP is available to you as part of the consultation process. It explains the proposed amendment to the bylaw and contains the full bylaw for context. 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
- d) provide for the needs of special user groups.

#### The Council's proposal

Council is seeking your feedback on two key options.

##### **Option 1 - Resident Parking only**

This proposal would mean a new provision in the bylaw establishes resident only parking restrictions to all Hahei Streets. The only exclusion to this would be Grange Road which would continue to have no stopping lines.

Parking on the berm would be prohibited throughout Hahei except for permit holders.

One resident parking permit would be provided to each rating unit. No additional permits would be available. The permit could be used anywhere in the village resident only parking areas. It would not enable permit holders to park for free in Council pay and display areas.

There would be no permit cost to the permit holder or ratepayer. Administrative and enforcement costs would be met by revenue from the Hahei car parks owned by Council.

The restrictions would apply from 1 October to 30 April each year. Signage would be required along each affected street to ensure people are adequately informed of the restrictions.

From 1 October to 30 April all vehicles without a resident parking permit will need to park in Council car parks.

### **Option 2 - No stopping lines**

The alternative is no stopping lines on every street in Hahei which has no exemption for on-street parking permits for residents.

This could be no parking restrictions on entire streets, parts of those streets where the hazard to road users are most exacerbated by visitor parking, or on parts of the street only (for example one side of each road).

Use of broken yellow lines is consistent with similar approaches across the district, is universally understood, easy to enforce and does not require additional signage, systems, or processes.

Parking on the berm would be prohibited throughout Hahei.

### **Proposed amendment**

It is proposed to amend the bylaw to:

- a) provide for Council to restrict parking on any road or portion of a road to residents only; and
- b) to reserve specified areas in Hahei for resident only parking.
- c) to prohibit parking on the berms

The amendment would also provide for appropriate signs and markings to be installed to define such areas.

Persons parking a vehicle in a resident only parking area will be required to display a current approved resident parking permit so that it is clearly visible.

### **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. It is HRRRA's view that there is safety issue for pedestrians and other road users. Some parking restrictions are already in place in Hahei, however further restrictions are required to limit where visitors to Hahei can park within the village area in order to enhance the safety of road users and reduce congestion.

### **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. The Council considered other options for addressing the problem.
- 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 bylaw will begin on 10 August 2018 and conclude at 4pm on 10 September 2018.**

This is your opportunity to let the Council know what you think of the proposed amendment to the Parking Control Bylaw. 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](http://www.haveyoursay-tcdc.objective.com) ;
- email us at [consultation@tcdc.govt.nz](mailto: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 amended 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](mailto: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 8 and 9 October 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 10 September 2018 on to send us your feedback.**