

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

PROPOSED 'BLACK SPOT' TREATMENT TRIAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF RICHMOND AND LOFTUS STREET, NORTH PERTH

Distributed 385, of which there were 33 responses were also received.

IN FAVOUR:	12
AGAINST:	12
NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OBJECT:	9
TOTAL	33

Related Comments *In Favour* of the Proposal:

- 6 in favour of the proposal with no further comment.
- ...We are supportive of the Seagull Island on Richmond St. We are concerned that levels of cars using Thompson will increase. We appreciate the trial and assessment period, could we suggest that maybe speed humps be installed on Thompson St to reduce the speed of vehicles and that may deter repeat drivers that use Thompson as a short cut...
- Would Council consider installing right turn arrows at traffic lights on Loftus/Bourke Streets to make turns safer.
- Thank you. Excellent idea.
- I think there should also be a seagull on the western intersection.
- In addition to the proposal a parking time limit in Richmond Street east of Loftus St (3 hours) is warranted. So too is Campsie St, as the streets are regularly being used for free, all day parking by out of town commuters. On many occasions traversing Richmond Street is quite difficult due to these people parking here. Moreover, exiting into Richmond St from Toorak Rise is often dangerous due to all day parkers obstructing the view of those wishing to turn right into Richmond St....
- I agree it should be impossible to go straight or turn right coming out of Richmond St but I object to being unable to turn right into Richmond St from Vincent (heading north). This is the most convenient and safe entry into that section of the neighbourhood as waiting to turn right into Bourke St at the traffic lights creates difficulty as there is no green arrow and traffic builds behind very quickly. It would also create more traffic along Thompson and Barnett Streets which are already ill equipped to deal with through traffic....

Related Comments *Not in Support* the Proposal:

- Blocking off Richmond St will force traffic from the City onto Thompson St & Morrison St. So will we then block off these streets? This is ridiculous – I can't strongly object enough!
- ...In nearly three years I have only witnessed one accident and a couple of near misses due to people undertaking illegal U-turns at this intersection (trying to turn back south along Loftus- generally people leaving the Sports Centre who should have exited via Richmond St). Other incidents occur when north bound traffic along Loftus St is backed back and cars are trying to turn west up Richmond St, off Loftus, it should be marked keep clear...I would advise that the traffic engineers spend some time observing the intersection at various times of the day/week/weekend....

- ...I am concerned because I believe it will re-direct the traffic down Thompson Street so motorists can avoid the Bourke St traffic lights and the Vincent Street traffic lights.

Thompson St already has a significant number of motorists driving down at peak hour to avoid the Bourke St lights (sometimes at speed). I assume motorists cross Loftus St at Richmond St to avoid the Vincent St lights. Thompson St is a much smaller street than Richmond St so cannot take further traffic.

The residents of Thompson St have approached the Vincent Council several times over the years about the traffic problem and the parking problem. I have been living in Thompson St for 24 years now and it seems the Council cannot 'hear' us. The last petition we lodged with the Council regarding the parking problem came to nought. The more parking restrictions put on the surrounding streets have pushed the 'all day' parkers who catch the bus (there is a bus stop at the end of our street) into Thompson St. And there is a physio/dermatologist clinic on Loftus St so these clients park in Thompson St for their appointment and the staff

at the clinic. I know this is not about our parking problem but the parking problem and the size of Thompson St makes it dangerous at morning peak hours and afternoon peak hours.

- ...the problem is due to drivers not the road infrastructure...in all drive habits need to change in order to reduce the so called no. of accidents in the locality and not change the road infrastructure.....please just leave everything as it is....
- ...Barnet St is already seriously over-used as at 'rat run' by people continuing onto Morrision St and any changes which will have the effect of increasing traffic on these roads should not happen....
- ...we would not be happy if there was no right turn from Loftus St into Richmond....as a suggestion perhaps the following could be considered, 1) left turn only onto Loftus from both sides of Richmond St....2) restrict parking on eastern side of Richmond St....
- With reference to the proposed "Black Spot" Treatment Trial at the intersection of Richmond and Loftus Streets, North Perth, I wish to put forward my comments below.
 1. Why is the seagull island with the "left only in" and "left only out" on the north-eastern side of Richmond Street? It would make much better sense to have it in Richmond Street on the opposite side of Loftus Street near the Loftus centre. It is a clear inconvenience to any residents living east of Loftus Street between Richmond and Vincent as the only way in to their residences is via Bourke Street. If vehicles are going north down Loftus Street and wish to turn left into Richmond Street, they can still do so with the "left only in" access.
 2. Richmond Street from Loftus Street and going east, should be made a one-way street to Emerson Street. The congestion is not only ridiculous, it is dangerous. Therefore, the seagull island should be on the west side and Richmond Street on the east side being a one-way street would solve a lot of problems.
 3. On another issue, but related to the Richmond Street issue, is Barnett Street. It is a traffic hazard waiting for something to happen and should also be made a one-way street. At the moment, there is parking on both sides of the street and Barnett Street is nothing other than a dangerous rat run. Make this a one way street – going from Richmond Street to Bourke Street. With Richmond and Barnett Streets both being one-way streets, it will ease the congestion and danger.

The reason there is some difficulty on the corner of Richmond and Loftus Streets, is because cars want to either go straight across Loftus – OR – they want to turn right from Richmond Street into Loftus Street.

It doesn't make sense to put the seagull island on the east side of Richmond.

At present, cars turn right into Barnett Street from Bourke Street and left into Richmond Street. Cars weave in and out of the parked cars and with the cars parked on Richmond Street, vision is near impossible. If Barnett was one-way it would make it so much safer.

I realise my proposal regarding Barnett Street is not the direct issue, but it will certainly make the congestion around Richmond a whole lot better as well.

- ...the problem with this is Thompson St is extremely narrow. Parking is only on one side of the road. Quite often the road is obstructed as two cars cannot pass at the same time. It is important that traffic flow does not increase in this street....perhaps having the intersection of Loftus/Richmond marked "keep clear" would be a better solution. Often the street is obstructed in peak hours.
- I believe it's unnecessary as the 'seagull' will only redirect traffic,...I turn right onto Richmond St from Loftus St (driving north)...common sense driving is all that's needed...I believe a roundabout would serve as a better option (safer, easier, it won't re-direct the traffic/danger issue elsewhere).
- ...if the seagull island were installed, traffic would have to go further to the traffic lights at Bourke St. then hook around and go back through the tiny cramped streets Campsie, and Barnet which often have vehicles parked on both sides which leave very little room to squeeze through and also create dangerously poor visibility....
- ...I feel most issues with traffic in this area are due to people using these streets to bypass intersections (eg turning left from Loftus to go east on Richmond, then south at Morrision, to bypass Vincent St lights congestion) and this proposed measure seems very unlikely to prevent this.
- ...this would be a significant nuisance and disadvantage to local residents who would have to find alternative routes, thereby increasing journey time and frustration....Please do not change it.

Comments that *Neither Support nor Object* the Proposal:

- ... I walk my dog and cross that intersection most mornings and have made a few observations on the road usage around that intersection. I wish to highlight:
 1. Many vehicles turn right at Loftus St onto Richmond Street using that end to 'turn around' and turn left, back up Loftus street toward the city. By installing the seagull island would stop the right hand turning but would it transfer this issue to the next right hand Street- Thompson St?
 2. Many workers travel and park their vehicles in Richmond & Elven Street, leaving their cars there for the day whilst they go to work. This makes the street hard to drive thorough and reverse onto the street. So much manoeuvring on a busy street around many parked vehicles. Scrapes and accidents to vehicles does occur. I've hit cars myself, costly to residents!
 3. Thompson, Barnett , Campsie Morriston Streets are used as a 'rat-run' by vehicles to avoid the Loftus/Vincent Street lights
- I do not support the proposal in its current form. In addition to managing the left in/left out traffic from Richmond Street into Loftus Street there is another issue which presents at this intersection and this needs to be addressed: traffic on loftus street heading north which does a u turn at this intersection OR uses Richmond Street east and then makes the turn using resident's driveways. To manage all 3 issues presenting I suggest you extend the Loftus Street median strip across its intersection at Richmond Street
- I agree that better traffic management is required here – it is a dangerous intersection...Please note however, many, many cars turn right into Richmond from Loftus (including me).and if this is taken away, you may shift the problem to the Thompson and Bourke intersections with Loftus. A right turn arrow at Loftus/Bourke may resolve this?...
-my issue is mostly that vision back towards Bourke Street is limited, vehicles do travel too fast, accelerating away from the lights...Issues with Richmond St traffic are due to street parking and people turning off Loftus from western side of Loftus..trying to avoid Bourke St lights...
- ...I would like to suggest that a roundabout is preferable, as access to and from both roads would be maintained. It would also be safer for pedestrians in the way of calming the flow of traffic when approaching the intersection, especially for north bound traffic on Loftus St.
- My only objection is the slight inconvenience this will cause me when I want to turn right into Richmond from Loftus Street.....I assume Bourke St will become busier...Moriston St busier...can you please advise me if consideration of installing a roundabout has been addressed.
- 2 x ...we support the proposal to modify the Richmond St intersection, but we also suggest the addition of an island that restricts a right turn into Thompson St from Loftus St, thus forcing any cars wanting to turn right into doing so at the much safer Bourke Street lights. This island will also eliminate the ability for cars exiting Thompson St to turn right onto Loftus St which is also dangerous...
- ...we ask that you consider a solution that prevents vehicles travelling across Loftus St or turning across traffic. When last consulted we suggested a half seagull on either side of the intersection which would allow traffic to enter Richmond St from Loftus St but prevents vehicles from travelling over Loftus St.