

Memorandum: Lord Mayor Deputy Lord Mayor Elected Members

Response to Question Without Notice

TRAFFIC JAMS ON PROCTORS ROAD

Meeting: City Infrastructure Committee

Meeting date: 26 February 2020

Raised by: Alderman Behrakis

Question:

Due to the number of traffic movements on Proctors Road during peak hour, could the Director please advise if there is a solution to help mitigate the traffic banking up on Proctors Road due to vehicles turning at the intersection of View Street and Proctors Road?

Response:

The City of Hobart has received previous complaints about this issue. When reviewing the situation, it has been the view of officers that there is no cost effective or reasonable solution that would provide a significant community benefit.

The road reserve width and the geometry of the intersection make it not practical to provide a separate right turn lane on Proctors Road for vehicle waiting to turn into View Street while also maintaining sufficient width for city bound traffic on Proctors Road to pass without obstruction.

Installing a ban on turning right from Proctors Road into View Street would be a cheap and physically easy to install treatment. It would however be likely to be widely disobeyed, and those drivers who do obey the sign will instead turn right at the next intersection, Proctors Road and York Street. The Proctors Road and York Street intersection also has difficult geometry, and the diverted traffic would have some amenity impacts on residents in York Street.

Our previous view has been that occasional delays caused by drivers waiting to turn right from Proctors Road into View Street are reasonable given that many of the drivers utilising Proctors Road are using it as an alternative route to the City from the Southern Outlet.

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.

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