

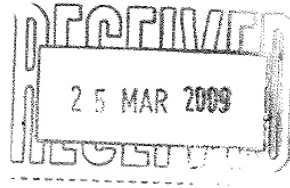


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Dear Mr Barber *Harry,*

BEACH ROAD 'NO STOPPING' RESTRICTIONS

I am writing to advise you of the outcomes of a meeting that took place on 17 December 2008, between the Chief Executive Officers and Mayors from both the Bayside and Kingston City Councils to discuss the implementation of weekend 'No Stopping' zones along Beach Road.

The 'No Stopping' restrictions are an important safety initiative intended to target casualty crashes involving cyclists on Beach Road during the weekend periods. VicRoads recently conducted a review of casualty crashes for the five-year period ending 30 June 2008. This review determined that 75 casualty crashes involving cyclists were recorded on Beach Road during weekend periods. Some 35 of those crashes occurred between the hours of 6 am and 10 am. Indeed, staff from the Sandringham Hospital's casualty department have raised concerns over the large number of injured cyclists they treat during this time period.

It is proposed to undertake a number of surveys to ensure that the 'No Stopping' restrictions are introduced with minimum impact on both businesses and residents. These will include parking occupation surveys conducted during peak summer periods, which will also help to determine the need for any measures to compensate for the impact of the parking bans.

In addition, an independent market research survey of affected properties will be undertaken to determine the extent of community support for or opposition to weekend parking restrictions. VicRoads will work with the Kingston and Bayside City Councils in the conduct of this market research.

The research will also be used to identify any other issues that may require attention during the implementation phase. Should the research determine that the proposed hours of operation for the 'No Stopping' restrictions need minor modification to fit with other community objectives, consideration will be given to adjusting these hours accordingly.

Following a review of this information, I will request that the councils give consideration to the implementation of the 'No Stopping' zones. VicRoads' officers will initiate further discussion with the councils at this time.

Yours sincerely

Tim Pallas MP
Minister for Roads and Ports