

## **Newport Residents Association Inc.**

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General Manager, Northern Beaches Council PO Box 882 MONA VALE NSW 1660

Dear Sir/Madam

Attention Michelle Carter

## Re Request for Parking Demand Study Foamcrest Ave, Carpark Newport

We have recently had discussions with the Newport Chamber of Commerce with regard to the parking difficulties for customers of the Newport shops, pharmacy's and cafes who wish to use the Foamcrest Ave car park. The major reason for these difficulties is the use of the car park as an all-day commuter park for bus travellers.

We note that council has attempted to address the issue by installing restricted parking signs for two and three hours (depending whether week day or weekend). It is apparent that these restricted hours are not policed.

We also appreciate that council only owns two thirds of the area with the centre area owned by Woolworths. The Administrator Mr Dick Persson accompanied by myself and others did a drive through of this site late last year and Mr Persson indicated that the council should be able to approach Woolworths to seek their cooperation to allow council to manage and police the total car park. We have not heard of any outcome from this approach by council.

We have been impressed by the recent Parking Demand Study carried out by council at the Kalinya Street Newport area and its outcomes and believe a similar study would be of great benefit for this site.

We would also like to make some suggestions as follows;

- 1. Introduction of app 8 half hour parking slots (would really help the pharmacy customers)
- 2. Convert the balance to the current 2 hour and 3 hour configuration.
- 3. Should Woolworths not be inclined to participate, then mark the parking slots in their area as unrestricted

4. Ensure the council owned areas are policed.

The Newport Residents Association would be more than prepared to help in anyway possible to assist in a study. Should you wish to have a preliminary meeting with both the Chamber of Commerce and ourselves to discuss the issue, please advise us and we would be delighted to help organise.

Yours sincerely,

Gavin Butler President