

Councillor Question Time

Question from Councillor Pearl

I've received complaints from residents regarding concrete trucks spilling concrete on Dorcas Street, South Melbourne. It is my understanding that Council has met with Cross Yarra Partnerships to resolve these issues, but it's a continuing issue in the area. Can Officers report back to see if any improvements can be made for residents living along Dorcas Street, South Melbourne?

Response

Dorcas Street is classified as a collector road. It functions within the road network to distribute traffic in the main residential area and to link traffic from local roads to the arterial network.

Council officers have been in discussion with Cross Yarra Partnership (CYP), who have advised that its truck haulage strictly adhere to set routes for entry and exit to the municipality via the arterial road network via the West Gate Freeway, Batman Avenue or St Kilda Road (connecting to the M1). Dorcas Street, between Kings Way and St Kilda Road is included in the truck haulage routes. However use of this street requires pre-approval and only occurs when other haulage routes cannot be used.

CYP has confirmed that any concrete trucks using Dorcas Street west of Kings Way were unrelated to the construction of the Anzac Station.

Under the Heavy Vehicle National Law 2012(HVNL), heavy vehicles that comply with prescribed dimensional and mass limits (typically up to 19m long and 50 tonnes) have general access to all public roads in Victoria, including municipal roads. Typically concrete trucks fall into this category of 'heavy vehicles' and do not require permits to access local roads and streets.

Investigations by Council officers indicate the overall number of vehicles using Dorcas Street has remained mostly the same between 2015 and 2019 (Average weekday vehicle volume of approximately 10,300 between 2015 to 2019). In the same time period the percentage of heavy vehicles using Dorcas Street has not changed and has remained at 0.2% of vehicle per day, which is equivalent to 21 heavy vehicles across a typical weekday.

Should members of the community observe concrete trucks travelling in the municipality that are spilling concrete onto the streets, they should record contact Council's ASSIST unit on 03 9209 6777 with details of the vehicles registration and Council's Local Laws Unit will address these matters immediately.

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