

Councillor Question Time – answers to questions taken on notice*

1. A petition looking at heavy vehicle parking was presented several weeks ago to Council, when is the response coming back to be discussed?
2. Can officers provide an update on whether any EPA operations relating to noise pollution have been conducted over the summer, particularly in the Port Melbourne region, and what the results were?

(Cr Pearl)

Response

1. The response to the petition presented regarding heavy vehicle parking within the City of Port Phillip will be presented to Council at its meeting on 21 March 2018.
2. The EPA have advised Council that there have been two noise assessment operations in Port Phillip over summer; one a joint operation with Police in February assessing vehicle noise emissions from vehicles on Beaconsfield Parade, the other a “spotting” program where vehicles are not stopped but evaluated in transit. The results of the noise assessments are provided below.

The joint operation, conducted in response community complaints, resulted in seven cars and one motorcycle tested on the spot, with all eight failing to comply with the vehicle standards for noise emissions under the Environment Protection (Vehicle Emissions) Regulations 2013. Some of the vehicles tested were found to be 13 decibels over their ‘signature’ limit. One recorded 103 decibels, at least twice as loud as permitted and loud enough to affect the local community significantly. Another 21 passing vehicles that were believed to be excessively loud had their registration numbers noted. Those registered owners will receive a notice under section 55AC of the Environment Protection Act 1970, that requires them to take their vehicle to an EPA approved vehicle noise tester and acquire a certificate of compliance to prove their vehicle meets legal noise limits.

For the spotting program, 21 vehicles were believed to be excessively loud. Those registered owners will also receive a notice that requires them to take their vehicle to an EPA approved vehicle noise tester and acquire a certificate of compliance to prove their vehicle meets legal noise limits.

**Note: answers to any questions in Councillor Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.*