

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

2 OCTOBER 2019



Item 4.2 Petition - Closure of Esplanade West/Dow Street, Port Melbourne

A Petition containing 24 signatures, was received from a Port Melbourne resident.

The Petition states the following: -

We, owners/occupiers of residences in Esplanade West and Dow Street, Port Melbourne hereby petition the City of Port Phillip with a request to consider and, if thought fit, to implement all steps necessary to achieve the closing of Esplanade West/Dow Street, Port Melbourne at the location of the existing speed-hump, adjacent to Edwards Park, where those two streets meet.

The reason for this petition is that each of us is becoming increasingly concerned about the volume and speed of vehicles (including buses) travelling through Esplanade West/Dow Street, principally as a "short-cut" in lieu of using Lyons Street, between Liardet Street and Bridge Street, which is a much more suitable connecting street in that it is wider and has much less residences fronting it.

Our overriding concern is for the improved safety and welfare of extensive numbers of children (and their parents) who enjoy visiting the playground in Edwards Park immediately adjacent to the speed-hump and in the genuine hope and expectation that an inevitable accident, involving one or more of those children, can be avoided.

OFFICER COMMENT

Council's Traffic Engineers will need to investigate the safety concerns raised by the petitioners to determine if a road closure or any additional traffic management measures are warranted.

Investigations will include traffic surveys, site inspections and a review of the crash history along this section of Esplanade West/Dow Street.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Notes the concerns raised in the petition regarding the volume and speed of vehicles travelling through Esplanade West/Dow Street, Port Melbourne.
2. Receives the petition and refers it to the Transport Safety Engineering (TSE) team for investigation.
3. Advises the petition organiser that the TSE team will investigate the road safety concerns raised in the petition and will provide officer comments and recommendations at the Ordinary Council meeting on 20 November 2019.

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ATTACHMENTS Nil