
7 WEST RYDE PARKING - Councillor Bernard Purcell

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BACKGROUND:

The Coles building at West Ryde (corner Betts and Chatham) has two levels of underground parking. The upper level of parking sees good patronage but the lower Level B2 sees next to no usage. With parking at a premium in West Ryde this is sorely underutilised – approximating some 6 to 12 spaces daily of the 170 spaces available. This, in turn, affects the local workers, commuters and local residents.

Numerous representations have been made to both Coles by locals, Councillors and Council for the above spaces to be better utilised, for years, to no avail.

The West Ryde Chamber of Commerce, the Meadowbank West Ryde Progress Association and Neighbourhood Watch Ryde collectively undertook a survey of the 404 local businesses within the West Ryde Precinct and found that 385 local workers said they would willingly make use of this parking if it was formally offered to them on a medium to long-term basis.

It is a responsible course of action to utilise this parking area for financial recoupment, general night-time safety and basic amenity for local workers. To do otherwise constitutes a significant opportunity cost to both the community and Council.

MOTION:

- (a) That the City of Ryde General Manager seek urgent and real discussions with Coles and Wilsons Parking to ascertain better space utilisation of this high value but currently lazy asset.
- (b) That the General Manager seeks Coles and Wilson's approval to change the formal agreement to allow for medium to long-term parking to be available for local workers under a formal agreement to use all, or the majority, of the lower deck of car parking spaces in Coles West Ryde.