From: **Nicole Lessio** <nicole.lessio@optusnet.com.au>
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Subject: Re: Submission from the Residents of the Little Streets East of Montague Road West End
To: Little Streets <littlestreets.westend@gmail.com>

Dear Little Streets

Thank you for your work and your comprehensive submission. As a resident in a small street myself (and having had the frustration and inconvenience of having cars parked across our driveway twice in the last month) I share your concerns.

A peninsula such as ours is just not set up to cope with the volume of cars that increased development has produced. We are struggling with congested roads, causing many of the issues you raise.

Labor firmly believes that we need to get people out of their cars and actively travelling or on to public transport - and that public transport should be more accessible and affordable. Our proposal for light rail, our comprehensive cycling plan and our plan to give relief to bus and ferry commuters with Fare Free Friday are all designed to ease congestion in The Gabba Ward.

You can find our policies here:
http://rodharding.com.au

I have personally been campaigning since last year for safe pedestrian crossing at Victoria St on Montague Road and for a ferry terminal at Victoria St. I have also said that I will push for a new local traffic management plan. I appreciate the concerns you have raised about the methodology for the previous one.

The issue of commuter parking is one I share in my street. Being 'parked out' is distressing - particularly for elderly residents and those with mobility issues. Many people have raised the possibility of 2P parking coming to their street. This would require majority support in the street and would then require residents (and their visitors) to have parking permits. Currently the LNP Council charges up to $25 per household for these, however Labor will scrap the charges for these permits if Rod Harding is elected Lord Mayor. Charging for these is ridiculous.

The amount of construction occurring on the peninsula only exacerbates the problem with trucks, machinery and workers' vehicles clogging our streets.

Damaged traffic calming devices should be repaired as soon as possible. I have forwarded these to Council for their immediate attention, which I would encourage residents to do by calling the call centre on 3403 8888 whenever this occurs. We should also, as part of any traffic management plan, assess the efficacy of current devices. The plan should identify best use of future devices. I'm pleased to see Brighton Road receive speed bumps to slow traffic and would welcome speed-limiting devices on other streets.

Pedestrian safety should be paramount. With West End State School being an award-winning

Active Travel school, we need to be ensuring our children get to school safely. I have been campaigning for a safer crossing at Vulture/Hardgrave and will continue to do so. Active travel reduces congestion and is better for us. I will continue to advocate for measures that increase pedestrian and cyclist safety.

The challenges in these little streets need creative solutions and I'm grateful for the work that residents have put into this submission. I look forward to the opportunity to address these concerns with you all and with Council Officers should I be elected.

Kind regards
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