## Draft Public Domain Parking Policy

## Officer responses to top concerns

### **Community concern**

### Discontinuing the full-time visitor permit (former Leichhardt LGA) and replacing with the 30 one day permits (issued annually)

**Officer’s response**

Responses indicate that the full-time visitor parking permits were not being used for the sole purpose of accommodating visitors and residents tend to use this permit for other purposes.

Comments indicate that this permit is currently used the following purposes:

* Long-stay visitors
* Babysitters/cleaners/employees
* Relatives including grandparents
* Friends
* Tradespeople
* Carers
* Additional vehicles

The use of single-use permits has been successful in the former Ashfield and Marrickville Councils and is commonly used in neighbouring Councils. The following benefits are excepted:

* Incentivises public and active transport use
* Reduces fraudulent use of permits as an additional resident permit
* Improves parking availability for resident vehicles

It is also noted that the draft Policy has provision for tradespeople and carers.

City of Sydney, Bayside Council, North Sydney Council, Waverley Council and Woollahra Council utilise this form of visitor parking permits to more effectively manage limited parking supply

**Community concern**

The introduction of annual renewals (former Leichhardt LGA) instead of biennial renewals will increase administration for residents and Council

**Officer’s response**

Annual permits take into account the change in peoples circumstances more readily and assists in an improved management of fraudulent use or permits being misused.

Respondents concern: the policy is a revenue raising exercise

Officer Response: Fees associated with issuing of Parking Permits is based on a partial cost recovery. It should be noted that the first resident permit issued is free as was for all three former Councils and this will continue to be the case. It should be noted that there are costs involved with the administration of a permit parking scheme as well as costs involved with signage installation and maintenance. The fees associated with a permit parking scheme go towards meeting these costs

**Community concern**

The Policy won’t work and doesn’t benefit residents, leave current policy in place.

**Officer’s response**

It is acknowledged that the Policy will initially have an impact on residents, particularly residents from the former Leichhardt LGA. However, the Policy will provide a consistent approach to the management of parking throughout the LGA and will compliment other strategies such as the Transport Strategy, Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan.