



3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

4. PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

Item 4.1 Request from Residents of Bridge Street and Glover Street for extension of island in the middle of Pickles Street so that cars cannot cross over Pickles Street between Bridge and Glover Streets

A Petition/Joint Letter containing a total of 77 signatures received from residents of Bridge Street, Port Melbourne and Glover Street, South Melbourne.

The Petition states the following: -

1. *We the owners/occupiers/both of the properties identified below in Bridge Street, Port Melbourne and Glover Street, South Melbourne note that:*
 - (a) *A significant number of cars "dart" across Pickles Street from Bridge Street to reach Glover Street and vice versa - involving the difficult manoeuvre of crossing four lanes of traffic on very busy Pickles Street. When cars wishing to cross see an opening they accelerate sharply.*
 - (b) *This represents an accident/safety risk at the intersection - something we understand the Council has identified. Crossing the four lanes of traffic on very busy Pickles Street is a hazardous exercise - identifying windows to do this is difficult and chances are taken/cars try (as mentioned above) to speed across. (Turning right out of either of Glover or Bridge Streets at Pickles Street is also difficult.)*
 - (c) *As an additional factor we note that this intersection is immediately before the school zone on Pickles Street.*
 - (d) *Generally, vehicles crossing from Bridge Street to Glover Street and vice versa are using are using this as a "rat run". For the volumes involved and given the configuration of the larger arterial roads in the area, the proposal referred to below will have an immaterial and insignificant effect on traffic flows more broadly.*
2. *For the above reasons, and as signified by our signature below, we support extending the existing island in the middle of Pickles Street so that it is no longer possible to cross over Pickles Street between Bridge and Glover Streets. (There is currently an island in the middle of Pickles Street which breaks at the intersection with Bridge/Glover Streets and we are asking that the island be made continuous at that intersection.) This will convert each of Bridge and Glover Streets to a left in and left out street at Pickles Street. We consider this to be the most practical and inexpensive way of addressing safety issues at the Glover/Bridge/Pickles Streets intersection.*

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OFFICER COMMENT

Council's Transport Safety Engineering team have commenced investigating the safety concerns raised by the signatories to determine if a median closure or any other traffic management measures are warranted.

Investigations will include site inspections, a review of the recorded crash history and review of any previous traffic surveys undertaken along these sections of Pickles Street, Bridge Street and Glover Street.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives the Joint Letter and notes the safety concerns raised by the signatories.
2. Requests that Council officers investigate these safety concerns and provide a response to Council at the Council Meeting on 6 May 2020.

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