

20.2 Late Correspondence Item – S Thomson letter (refer to Agenda Item 8.1)

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For Action By: Bill	
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Dear Bill

After recent discussions with you I have decided to officially protest at the erection of No Parking signs along Hagan St in front of the Catholic Church. I find the idea ill researched with the potential to cause greater problems. Firstly we are on the main route for the scenic viewing and the only time there is a lot of traffic along there is when there is something on at the Church or at the Harbour and that is only a couple of times of the year and for a very short time of approximately 1 to 2 hours. We have been at the Robe Haven Motel for three years now and we have not witnessed one accident in that time. We have never seen a line up of caravans etc as stated in the Coastal Leader along that strip. I believe the Council is trying to promote Tourism, but yet don't want people to stop and view the area. By putting no parking signs up, people will then park over at the Doctor's surgery or in front of our Motel and this would certainly be a restriction of trade for us, as if they can't park in front to find out availability, they will certainly move on to another Motel.

A better idea would be to build a car park on the Reserve opposite Robe House with an entrance on and off Hagan St and a place for people to park and wander around the Church or through the scrub to the boardwalk which is fabulous and a great place for tourists to

view Lake Butler. This would also allow the Church to use it especially at Xmas time when they hold outdoor services. On the strip of roadway that is of concern to you, the biggest problem is the poor lighting at night and with foot traffic at a maximum over the holiday season coming from the town to either walk across the reserve or around the boardwalk there is no security at all and amazing no one has been hit crossing the road. Cars come around at high speed off Smillie St and into Hagen and a lot of times have to slam on brakes to avoid pedestrians.

For us the number one priority is better lighting, then a designated car park and only after these two have been addressed then maybe the No Parking signs could be erected.

Sandy Thomson

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sandy Thomson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robe Haven Motel

5-11-10