

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 8/2013 - BOAT AND TRAILER PARKING IN WARRINGAH
2013/080604

Submitted by: Councillor Vincent De Luca OAM

MOTION

1. That this Council notes:

a. That boats and trailers, some of which have not been used in many years, continue to park in Warringah residential streets, sports ground car parks and general public car parking areas.

b. That recently, complaints were received that trailers and boats were parking along Abbott Road, North Curl Curl taking up much needed car spaces for users of John Fisher Park playing fields, to which Mr Malcolm Ryan, Deputy General Manager, has reported:

“The parking spaces provided at the playing fields along Abbott Rd North Curl Curl are not subject to any time restricted parking conditions. Therefore any vehicle, including a trailer is permitted to be parked at this location as long as they are legally parked and their registration is current.”

c. Under current NSW road rules, a boat up to 7.5 metres long can be parked in a public street and Councils have no power to fine a registered boat or trailer parked in an unlimited zone.

d. That in The Sydney Morning Herald on 13 February 2012, even David Miles, of the Boat Owners Association, conceded that “long-term boat parking was a problem in some areas”.

e. That on 18 January 2012, Warringah Council wrote to the Premier, The Hon. Barry O’Farrell MP, in support of Woollahra Council’s request to change the NSW Road Rules to limit parking of trailers, however to date, the regulations have not been amended.

2. That this Council resolves to:

a. Write to the Minister for Roads and Maritime Services, The Hon Duncan Gay MLC and Shadow Minister for Roads and Maritime Services, The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC outlining Warringah’s continuing problems with boats and trailers parking on residential streets, in sports ground car parks and general public car parking areas and renew calls for legislative reform to restrict such parking

b. Request the General Manager ensure Council Staff investigate and report to Council within three months ways to prevent boats and trailers parking in sports grounds and general car parking areas in Warringah for long periods of time.