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The Honourable DL Borger, MP
Minister for Roads
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Dear Minister

MR217 MORISSET – LOSS OF PARKING IN DORA STREET

I wrote to you on 16 July 2010 about the RTA's proposed removal of parking spaces on the eastern side of Dora Street in conjunction with the Morisset Bus Interchange and Carpark.

I have since received further complaints from businesses in Morisset over the loss of approximately four parking spaces on the western side of Dora Street between the existing pedestrian crossing and Station Street.

Whilst the proposed removal of parking spaces would allow through traffic to pass traffic turning right into the railway station, the loss of parking will adversely affect businesses facing Dora Street. In particular, it would be expected that the newsagency would suffer from the loss of short-stay parking during mornings.

I am disappointed at the need to raise this issue with you at this time, but it is again clear that the RTA has not adequately consulted with the Morisset community over the proposed change, which is instead imminent as a *fait accompli*.

The businesses that would be most affected have proposed that short-stay parking should remain other than for periods when large numbers of vehicles turn into the railway station; a view that I support. More importantly, it is an option that should be discussed by all parties.

Once again, as a matter of urgency, I seek your intervention in this project. I request in the strongest terms that the project be delayed sufficiently to allow a thorough dialogue involving the RTA and relevant stakeholders. The scope of changes, which also including the loss of parking near the new traffic lights at Short Street, would have a great cumulative impact on access to existing businesses in Dora Street and I feel that this should be given greater consideration.

I would greatly appreciate your earliest response to this matter and your reply quoting sbm3010.

Yours sincerely

Greg Piper, MP
Member For Lake Macquarie