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MORISSET BUSINESSES HIT BY LOSS OF DORA STREET PARKING

Greg Piper, Member for Lake Macquarie, today expressed his concerns over the loss of parking spaces in Dora Street Morisset with completion of the Morisset Bus Interchange.

According to Mr Piper, the proposed cycle lane on the southern side and the “no stopping” area on the northern side will both severely reduce the parking spaces vital for local businesses.

“It was disappointing to see the RTA’s plans for an on-road cycleway extending to Doyalson Street, because the 200-metre section south of the railway station entrance will be of little value for cyclists,” Mr Piper said.

“There is a great need for cycle routes connecting to the railway station from the north and west, but there appears to be little benefit by continuing the cycle lane an extra block to the south,” Mr Piper said. “This would not provide useful cycle access to shops in Morisset and offers no useful or safe connection to Morisset’s residential or recreation areas.”

“The benefit to cyclists now or in future is arguable and certainly lower than the benefit of the existing car spaces to local business.”

“The loss of parking in front of the shops is disappointing, because it would eliminate parking at all hours, yet for most of the day there is no real need to use the kerbside as a traffic lane.”

Mr Piper is deeply concerned at the RTA’s lack of consultation with the business community because of the increasing disadvantage of existing small businesses against major new shopping centres.

“I have twice written to the Minister for Roads outlining my concerns and asking him to ensure better consultation with the local community to achieve a more acceptable result and I’m awaiting the Minister’s reply,” Mr Piper added.