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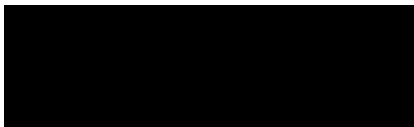
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Parking issues in Lawson are a frequent point of discussion for the Lawson community including at the Belconnen Community Council, It is my understanding that some work on this project was undertaken however the final report was requested to be redone by the minister.

Would you like to provide any additional information? (optional)

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Dear 

Freedom of Information Request - Reference 22-125

I refer to your application for access to government information received by Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) on 8 September 2022 under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (FOI Act). It is my understanding that you are seeking access to the following government information:

“any reports, reviews, analysis or other information given to and/or requested by the Minister for Transport and City Services regarding parking in Lawson since January 2020, including any that are unpublished and including any that were requested to be redone.”

I also note that you have made the following statement on public interest:

“Parking issues in Lawson are a frequent point of discussion for the Lawson community including at the Belconnen Community Council, It is my understanding that some work on this project was undertaken however the final report was requested to be redone by the minister.”

Timeframes

A decision is due on your application by 11 October 2022.

Authority

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the FOI Act.

Decision on access

In reviewing the scope of your application, it was identified that some of the information you are seeking access to has previously been released under another FOI access application, reference 21-089. In particular, a version of a report on parking in Lawson, dated 13 August 2021.

A search of TCCS records to identify any additional information relevant to your application has been completed. The search identified one record (18 pages) within the scope of your access application. Please note that the attachments to this report are identical to those published in the earlier version, and are accessible on the [TCCS disclosure log](#).

I wish to take this opportunity to draw attention to the current status of this report. The report is under review to ensure that the observations captured, which were during the COVID-19 pandemic, are reflective of current traffic patterns.

In reviewing the information within these documents, I have decided to provide you with partial access to this record. I have refused access under section 35(1)(c) of the FOI Act to some of the information that you have requested as it is contrary to the public interest to release. My access decision is detailed further in the following statement of reasons below.

The record is enclosed at Attachment A with deletions applied to information that is contrary to the public interest.

Statement of Reasons

In making my decision on disclosing government information, I must identify all relevant factors in schedule 2 of the FOI Act and determine, on balance, where the public interest lies. In reaching my access decision, I have considered the FOI Act in general which favours disclosure of information unless it is found to be contrary to the public interest. I have also identified the following factors as relevant to the information identified as in scope of your request:

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- Section 2.1 (a)(i) - promote open discussion of public affairs and enhance the government's accountability;
- Section 2.1 (a)(iv) - ensure effective oversight of expenditure of public funds; and
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Factors favouring non-disclosure (Schedule 2.2)

- Section 2.2 (a)(ii) – prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy or any other right under the *Human Rights Act 2004*.

I find that it is in the public interest to release most of this information. However, I have found some information within the relevant documents to be contrary to the public interest to disclose.

In reviewing the information in scope of your application, the personal information of third parties was identified, including names and employment positions of these parties. I have considered that the information is not readily available to the public, and is likely to prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy or any other right under the *Human Rights Act 2004*.

Factors in favour of release can still be met while protecting the personal information of these individuals. The protection of this information outweighs disclosure in this instance.

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If you have any queries concerning the directorate's processing of your request, or would like further information, please contact the TCCS FOI team on (02) 6207 2987 or email to tccs.foi@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Wanderlight Avenue and Dawn/Jumbuck Crescent, Lawson

Section 21 and Section 45
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Executive Summary

Cardno was engaged by Roads ACT Traffic Management and Safety (TMS) to undertake a parking study and provide recommendations for additional parking within the vicinity of Section 21 (Wanderlight Ave) and Section 45 (Jumbuck Cres) Lawson.

The investigation responded to several requests TMS received from the community for additional parking around these blocks.

A parking survey was completed on Wednesday, 28 April 2021, between 7:00 am to 10:00 am and between 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm to assess the current utilisation of available parking in the vicinity of the two locations.

The survey looked at both indented car parking spaces and available on-street car parking locations.

Wanderlight Avenue

The survey results for Section 21 (Wanderlight Ave) showed a clear usage pattern, with parking capacity averaging 30% outside of peak hours (7.00 am up to 8.00 am and from 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm); and above 80% capacity from 8.00 am to 10.00 am and in the afternoon from 4.00 pm up to 5.30 pm.

Parking provision was nearing capacity from 9.00 am through to 4.30 pm.

As the findings indicate a potential that car parking has reached the available capacity, additional car parking opportunities have been investigated. Two locations were identified as possible locations. However, one location would require extensive relocation of existing services, and the nearby fire access road has been identified as a potential space to construct additional car parking measures. However, to do so, a formal amendment to amend the access to a gazetted road would be required. Parking measures would also require additional street lighting, paths and modifications to existing kerb and stormwater measures on-site.

Outside of the civil construction aspect, consultation with both RFS and Urban Open space representatives would be required to ensure ongoing access, maintenance and management of the area maintained, in addition to any site-specific fire fighting requirements for the area.

Jumbuck Crescent

The survey results for Section 45 (Jumbuck Crescent) show an apparent increase in parking occurring between 8.00 am to 5.30 pm; however, the total parking usage was calculated to be at 20% capacity.

As the findings indicate no issue for parking in this area, no additional parking measures have been proposed at this time. Should parking capacity become an issue in the future, potential additional car parking opportunities have been presented in the sketch drawings.

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1 Background

Cardno was engaged by Roads ACT Traffic Management and Safety (TMS) to undertake a parking study and provide recommendations for additional car parking opportunities within the vicinity of Section 21 and Section 45, Lawson.

1.1 Section 21 Blocks 1, 2 and 3 – Wanderlight Avenue

Section 21 is zoned RZ4 Medium Density Residential, and the three blocks range in area from 5693m² up to 8954m². Access to the three blocks is from Wanderlight Avenue by five two-way driveways.

TMS has received several requests from the community for additional visitor parking in the vicinity, as there is limited on-street parking along Wanderlight Avenue, as shown in Figure 1-1 below.

Figure 1-1 Section 21 – Wanderlight Avenue



1.2 Section 45 Blocks 1-17 – Dawn Crescent

Section 45 is zoned RZ1 Suburban Residential, and the single residential blocks range from compact, 249m² up to large, 595m². Access to the residential blocks is by individual driveways from Dawn Crescent and Jumbuck Crescent.

TMS has received several requests from the community for additional visitor parking in the vicinity, as there is limited on-street parking within the two surrounding roads, as shown in Figure 1-2 below.

Figure 1-2 Section 45 – Dawn Crescent



2 Parking Survey Methodology

A parking survey was completed as part of the project to assess the utilisation of the available parking in the vicinity of the two sites.

Considering the potential car parking users, a standard work weekday was identified as the survey day. In addition, the survey was to occur outside of school holidays and not coincide within a public holiday long weekend period.

Wednesday was the nominated weekday, with the parking survey to cover the hours of 7.00 am to 10.00 am and the afternoon period of 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm.

The completed parking survey was completed on Wednesday, 28 April 2021.

2.1 Types of Parking Surveyed

Within the surrounding road network of the two survey locations, indented car parking spaces and available on-street kerbside parking places were included in the survey data.

2.1.1 Application of Road Rules

Within the survey area, there are no traffic signs that restrict parking opportunities. Therefore the application of road rules would apply to permitted car parking opportunities.

Examples include no parking within 10m from the nearest point of an intersecting road at an intersection with traffic lights (Division 12.3 Road Transport (Road Rules) Regulation 2017: Effective 12/08/21) and not stop on a road in a position that obstructs access to and from footpath, driveway etc (Division 12.6).

In addition, parking is also permitted at tee intersections along the continuous side of the continuing road at the intersection (Division 12.3).

Division 12.8 Parallel Parking Reg 208 states the following:

Parallel parking on road (except in median strip parking area)

- (1) A driver who parks on a road (except in a median strip parking area) must position the driver's vehicle in accordance with subsections (2) to (8).
- (2) The driver must position the vehicle to face —
 - (a) in the direction of travel of vehicles in the marked lane or line of traffic on, or next to, the part of the road where the driver parks; or
 - (b) if there is no traffic on, or next to, that part of the road—in the direction in which vehicles could lawfully travel on that part of the road.
- (3) If the road is a two-way road, the driver must position the vehicle parallel, and as near as practicable, to the far left side of the road.
- (4) If the road is a one-way road, the driver must position the vehicle parallel, and as near as practicable, to the far left or far right side of the road, unless otherwise indicated by information on or with a parking control sign.
- (5) If the driver does not park in a parking bay, the driver must position the vehicle at least 1m from the closest point of any vehicle in front of it and any vehicle behind it.
- (6) If the road has a continuous dividing line or a dividing strip, the driver must position the vehicle at least 3m from the continuous dividing line or dividing strip, unless otherwise indicated by information on or with a parking control sign.
- (7) If the road does not have a continuous dividing line or a dividing strip, the driver must position the vehicle so there is at least 3m of the road alongside the vehicle that is clear for other vehicles to pass, unless otherwise indicated by information on or with a parking control sign.
- (8) The driver must position the vehicle so the vehicle does not unreasonably obstruct the path of other vehicles or pedestrians.

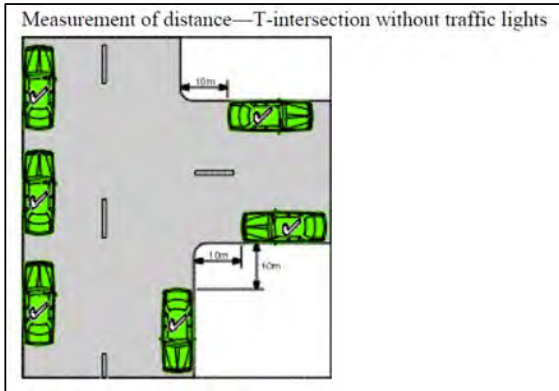
Division 12.10 Other parking related sections Reg 211 states the following:

Parking in parking bay

- (1) This section applies to a driver who parks on a length of road, or in an area, that has parking bays (whether or not a park in bays only sign applies to the length of road or area).
- (2) The driver must position the driver's vehicle completely within a single parking bay, unless the vehicle is too wide or long to fit completely within the bay.

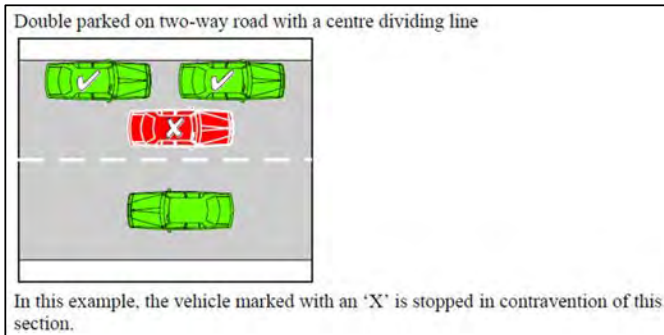
Parking at tee intersections

Figure 2-1 Permitted parking locations at tee intersections without traffic lights (Road Transport (Road Rules) Regulation 2017



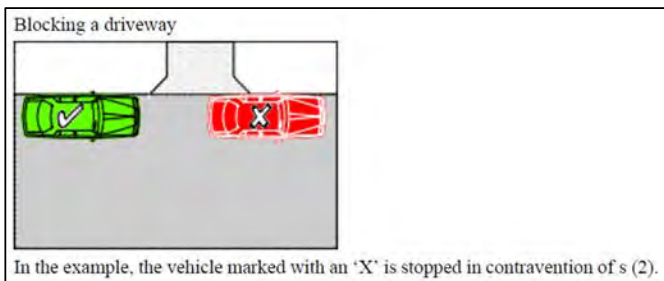
Double parking restriction

Figure 2-2 Double parking restriction (Road Transport (Road Rules) Regulation 2017



Obstructing access

Figure 2-3 Obstructing access to and from footpath, driveway etc (Road Transport (Road Rules) Regulation 2017



2.2 Section 21 – Wanderlight Avenue Parking Survey Extent

The location of Section 21 concerning parking opportunities and possible competition from adjacent residential areas, the extent of parking survey was identified to cover the below area.

Figure 2-4 Section 21 – Parking survey area



2.2.2 Southern Verge Legal Parking Locations

In summary, for Wanderlight Avenue, vehicles would be permitted to park on the southern verge of Wanderlight Avenue as informal on-street car parking.

The applicable road rules would restrict the limitations to the extent of legal informal on-street parking locations concerning intersections, property access and line marking.

2.2.3 Northern Verge Legal Parking Locations

In summary, for Wanderlight Avenue, it appears that vehicles on the northern verge would only be permitted to park within the parking bays provided, as the application of applicable road rules will limit the safe provision of local isolated informal on-street parking locations. One or two spaces within the survey area require additional signage and line marking to provide guidance to park correctly.

2.3 Section 45 Dawn Crescent Parking Survey Extent

The location of Section 21 concerning parking opportunities and possible competition from adjacent residential areas, the extent of parking survey was identified to cover the below area.

Figure 2-5 Section 45 – Parking survey area



3 Parking Survey Results

3.1 Utilisation Records

As outlined above, legal on-street car parking and indented car parking locations were included in the survey results.

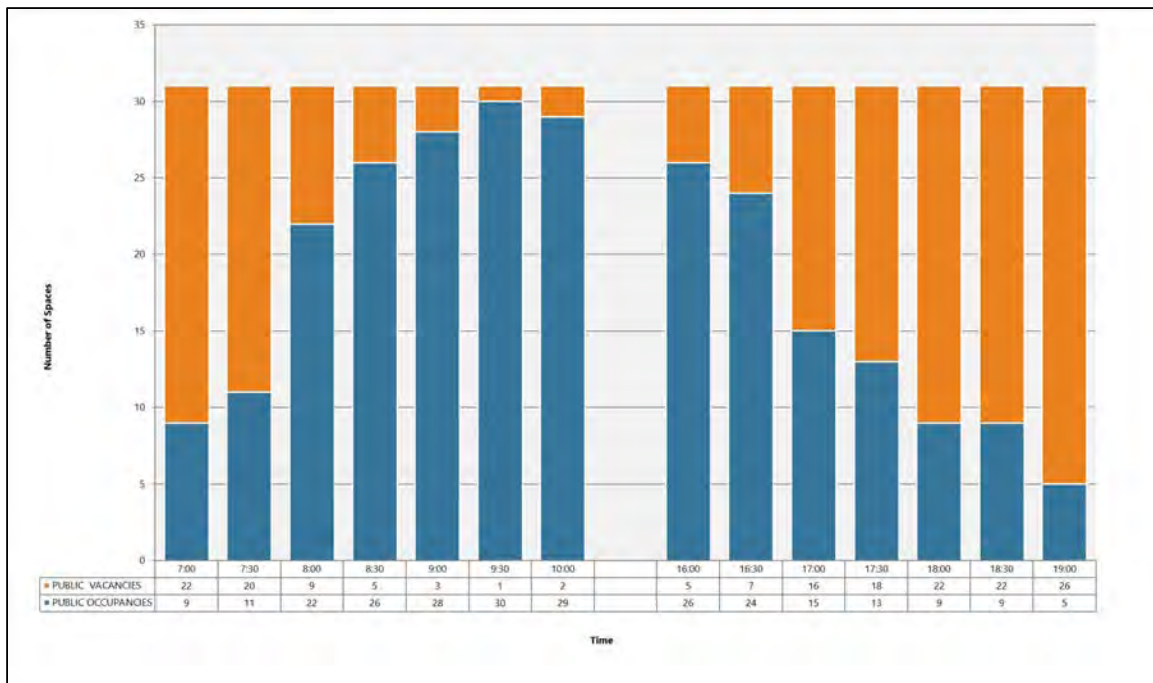
The following tables summarise the utilisation of the available parking surrounding Sections 21 and 45.

3.1.1 Wanderlight Avenue

Table 3-1 Parking Utilisation Survey Results for Public Parking Section 21

TRANS TRAFFIC SURVEY																				
Parking Occupancy Survey																				
Date: Wednesday, 28 April 2021																				
Location: Lawson																				
GPS:																				
Weather: Fine																				
Customer: Cardno																				
Note: Indented Parkings - Parking bays offset from trafficable lane																				
On Street - Legal parking bays on trafficable lane																				
Public Parking (T19)	Map Ref	Street	Section	Side	Restriction	Capacity	Parking Occupancy													
							7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	16:00	16:30	17:00	17:30	18:00	18:30	19:00
1		Wanderlight Ave	Ginninderra Dr to Neveite St	N	Unrestricted (indented)	8	3	3	6	8	8	8	8	8	8	5	4	3	3	2
1				S	Unrestricted (On Street) - B85 vehicle	23	6	8	16	18	20	22	21	18	16	10	9	6	6	3
PUBLIC CAPACITY							31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
PUBLIC OCCUPANCIES							9	11	22	26	28	30	29	26	24	15	13	9	9	5
PUBLIC VACANCIES							22	20	9	5	3	1	2	5	7	16	18	22	22	26
PUBLIC % OCCUPANCIES							29%	35%	71%	84%	90%	97%	94%	84%	77%	48%	42%	29%	29%	16%

Table 3-2 Public Vacancies and Public Occupancies at Lawson Section 21 Wednesday 28 April 2021

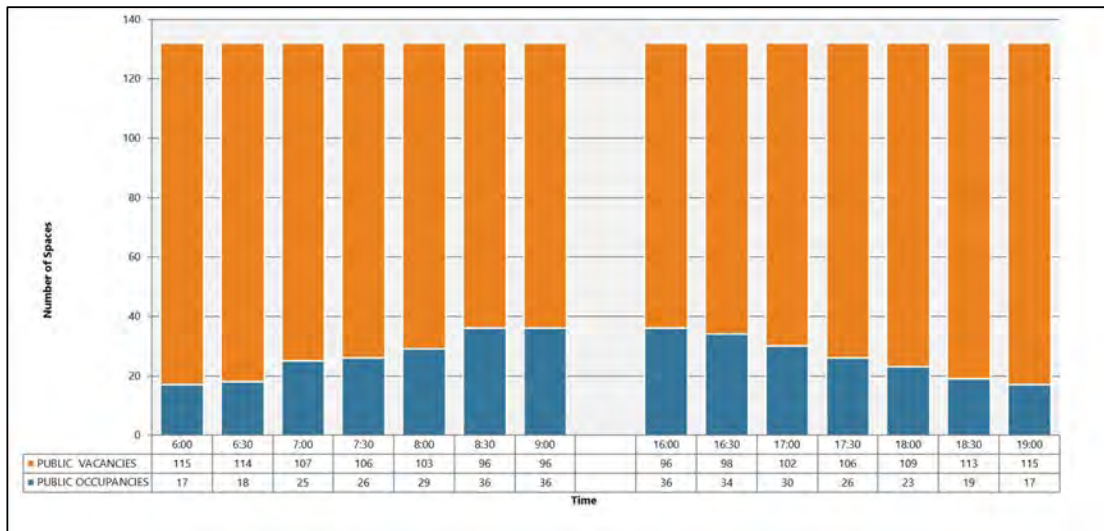


3.1.2 Jumbuck Crescent

Table 3-3 Parking Utilisation Survey Results for Public Parking Section 45

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Parking Occupancy Survey																														
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Location:		Lawson																												
GPS:																														
Weather:		Fine																												
Customer:		Cardno																												
Note: Indented Parkings - Parking bays offset from trafficable lane																														
On Street - Legal parking bays on trafficable lane																														
Public Parking (10)	Map Ref	Street	Section	Side	Restriction	Capacity	Parking Occupancy																							
							6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	16:00	16:30	17:00	17:30	18:00	18:30	19:00										
1		Jumbuck Cres	From Stockman Ave (W) to Dawn Cres	N	Unrestricted (On Street)	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
1				S	Unrestricted (indented)	10	4	4	6	6	6	6	6	8	8	6	6	5	5	5										
1			From Bulletin St to Overflow St	N	Unrestricted (On Street)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
1				S	Unrestricted (indented)	11	3	4	6	6	6	8	8	8	8	8	7	5	5	3										
1				S	Disable (indented)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
1			From Overflow St to Stockman Ave (E)	N	Unrestricted (On Street)	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
1				S	Unrestricted (indented)	14	6	6	8	8	9	12	12	11	10	8	6	6	3	3										
1		Dawn Cres	From Bulletin St to Overflow St	NW	Unrestricted (On Street)	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
1				S/E	Unrestricted (indented)	10	2	2	3	4	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	4	4										
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PUBLIC OCCUPANCIES							17	18	25	26	29	36	36	36	34	30	26	23	19	17										
PUBLIC VACANCIES							115	114	107	106	103	96	96	96	98	102	106	109	113	115										
PUBLIC % OCCUPANCIES							13%	14%	19%	20%	22%	27%	27%	27%	27%	26%	23%	20%	17%	14%	13%									

Table 3-4 Public Vacancies and Public Occupancies at Lawson Section 45 Wednesday 28 April 2021



3.2 Parking Study Conclusion

3.2.1 Wanderlight Avenue

As indicated by the above results, the available parking across the study timeframe identified near capacity parking occurring between 8.00 am, and 10.00 am. Afternoon peak parking was considered to occur between 4.00 pm and 5.00 pm.

The morning peak was between 85% and 97% capacity, with only one or two vacant parking spaces available. The afternoon peak reached a maximum of 84% capacity.

3.2.2 Jumbuck Crescent

As indicated by the above results, the parking capacity never exceeded 30% capacity.

4 Historical Aerial Imagery

Based on the parking study results and the level of public enquiries for additional parking, the data indicated that there was still parking capacity during early morning and late afternoon timeframes, which coincided with most homeowners core work hours.

Historical imagery from Nearmap was sourced to show the different parking capacities over several years in consideration of this anomaly.

4.1 Nearmap aerial images

The following images occur over the period from 2017 to the most recent.

Figure 4-1 Nearmap Aerial Imagery – Dated 10-03-2017



Figure 4-2 Nearthmap Aerial Imagery – Dated 11-07-2017



Figure 4-3 Nearthmap Aerial Imagery – Dated 20-09-2017



Figure 4-4 Nearthmap Aerial Imagery – Dated 06-01-2018



Figure 4-5 Nearthmap Aerial Imagery – Dated 05-05-2018



Figure 4-6 Nearmap Aerial Imagery – Dated 11-09-2018



Figure 4-7 Nearmap Aerial Imagery – Dated 25-01-2019



Figure 4-8 Nearmap Aerial Imagery – Dated 17-05-2019



Figure 4-9 Nearmap Aerial Imagery – Dated 10-10-2019



