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Mr Dennis Cheng
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Dear Dennis,

RE: Parking Restrictions Trial

In response to your email regarding the trial parking restrictions on Studley Street, between Park Street and Nicholson Street in Abbotsford (the **Street**), the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board (MFB) has considered the area and MFB's operational requirements.

Following investigations of the area conducted by Acting Commander Peter Dawson and operational crews, I note:

1. When cars are parked on both sides of the Street, the distance left between them is less than the width of an operational fire fighting appliance.
2. This prevents a direct and timely response to an emergency event in the Street for first response appliances.
3. This also prevents access by specialist appliances if required (for example, and aerial access appliance).
4. MFB emphasises that a prompt and timely response is critical when responding to incidents such as fire alarms and medical emergencies. Our capacity to provide this response would be severely impeded due to parking on both sides of the Street.
5. If the Street is blocked due to car parking, this may result in having to establish fire fighting operations from up to 200 metres away from an affected premise in the event of an emergency. This would have a severe impact on operational procedures (for example, access to and relaying water to a fire).
6. Further, any fire fighting operations would block each end of the Street and would prevent the capacity for vehicles to exit the Street.

I also note that both Yarra and Studley Streets have presented similar challenges in the past with respect to access after business hours.

In view of this, MFB's firm view is that car parking on both sides of the Street would severely impede the provision of an emergency response and that this risk should be carefully considered before proceeding.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require further information.

Yours sincerely

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