

Lambton Quay is the most visited street in the city. There is a good mix of shops, high quality buildings, convenient access to public transport and a short walking distance to the waterfront. Lambton Quay has potential to be a world class retail street .

Current issues on Lambton Quay include the widespread use of sandwich boards on the footpaths (especially the western side), breaks in walking rhythm on the eastern side footpath caused by frequent footpath interruptions, too much roadspace and too little pedestrian space, split levels lifting activity up to first floor levels, poor connection to the waterfront through the low quality side streets full of parking and few connections to the Terrace.

There is a risk that Lambton Quay will become isolated from the balance of the city due to the poor connections along its length. Easier, more frequent and higher quality access points to and from Lambton Quay along the route would improve the connections to the surrounding city and bring more of the city into play which could generate a positive cumulative effect.



Public or private ??

Links between the Terrace and Lambton Quay need to be made clearly visible and public in order to integrate the Terrace more with the surrounding city.



Footpath interruptions on Lambton Quay

- Footpath interruption
- Road closure

The eastern side of Lambton Quay is dominated by many footpath interruptions created by minor side streets 'breaking' up footpath flows. The interruptions demonstrate the low pedestrian priority and create a one-sided retail street with poor connectivity to the surrounding city.

However there are some good examples in the city of continuous footpaths including Grey Street and Courtenay Place. This pedestrian priority should be given to the full length of the eastern side of Lambton Quay.



One lane roads need not be given highest priority.



At the ANZ Bank on Lambton Quay the pedestrian space is fragmented and divided.



Grey Street has been closed off to vehicle access.