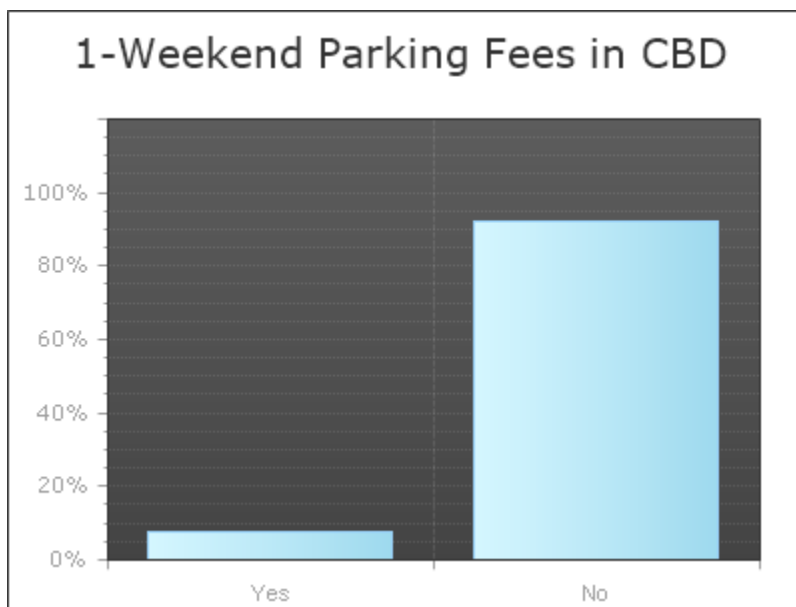


Category Name: Introduction of Weekend Parking Fees in CBD

Total number of submitters: 599

Question:
Do you agree with the proposal?

Decision Sought	Number of submitters who selected this option	%
Yes	46	7.68%
No	553	92.32%



Submitters for this question

No

1 - Jynelle Sullivan: I work at an accommodation facility in Wellington's CBD. We get many people who travel through Wellington stating that parking here and costs are far too expensive and inconvenient as it is - they appreciate it being free parking on weekends and not having to worry about their vehicle receiving a ticket or being towed. I pay for parking in the city during the week for work, that is already a hassle when you limit parking times to 2 hours maximum. We also appreciate having free parking in the city during weekends, it adds to the enjoyment of being able to explore the very city we live in without having the worry. It seems like everyone is discouraged in owning a vehicle here that can be charged for no matter where you end up parking. I feel sorry for residents who have to pay just to have a car on the side of the road outside their home! Thanks for hearing my thoughts on your proposed weekend parking fees in the CBD.

No

2 - Gina Rennie: I have a resident permit , and if you guys decide to start charging weekend fees, everyone that visits the city will start using all the coupon parking. This will mean us residents in Mount Victoria will lose our chance on getting parks .So it is a stupid idea to start charging.

No

3 - Tom Melei: I am paying for a coupon parking permit at the moment. If you decide to start charging parking fees during the weekends this means many more people with start buying coupon tickets and taking up resident parking space around wellington. Do not charge weekend fees this is a dumb idea.

Yes

4 - Grant Clarke: This will also help promote use of public transport as well as biking/walking into the city centre and reduce congestion in the city centre.

No

5 - Rodrigo Costa: This implementation will hurt business if an actual public transportation increase doesn't happen in the CBD during weekends. The parking in Wellington already is one of the highest in the world, to implement it on weekends too will make it so that people that live in Wellington will stop altogether to go into the city.

No

6 - Cheree Ridder: Less likely to head into the Central City in the weekend with the added cost..

Yes

7 - Flavia Figueiredo Machado: The is never free parking, someone is always paying for it. ?? now we make sure it is official. If you do not want to pay for park there is always public transport.

No

9 - Tyler Dickinson: As an individual who is new to Wellington city, when I think I about going into the CBD, whether it be week days or weekends. The only reason which stops me on my tracks is parking, I find it extremely frustrating that I am constantly having to pay my hard earned money in exchange for.. well in my eyes nothing. This infact will make me not go into the city and not spend my money there. It's just too hard, too hard trying to find a park, too expensive, and inconvenient. I just absolutely hate paying for parking, most smaller cities where I'm from don't charge you, and they're doing just fine. It's not broken don't try to fix it, you'll only make it worse. The way I see it is that the counselling is constantly trying to suck more and more money out of the public, and where does it go? I don't see any positive changes happening around me. And yes I see construction and changes in the city from the council but I don't think that they're positive, they're only a opportunity to suck in more money from the public, adding to the original problem that not enough is being done for the welfare of our people. It's always about the profit. I still see people on the street with no where to go, I still see poverty in this city and in this country I still see pollution in the streets. Stop focusing on little things like parking and do something more effective with your time and energy, as well as this money taken from the public. And yes I know that a lot could be done with this money, therefore I would much rather donate my money to a cause who want to make positive changes around me, for cancer care, for sick children, to the less fortunate, to help stop mass production of plastic, and to clean our country. Here's some food for thought, get rid of the parking meters, place a similar structure for donations. Have slots for a different causes, and instead of 'paying for a park' let the public help make a difference, as an option instead of an enforcement. Let people give their money, not have their money taken from them. This would potentially bring in more money as people choose how much to put in. I happily donate my money to others but hate to pay for a park! Let us see where the money goes, and contribute to what we believe in. He'll, even put a slot in for say city maintenance. Make a change and make it positive, for the better of our people.

No

10 - Rose Phillips: The weekend is the only time I visit the CBD for shopping / retail purposes. As I live in Mt Cook, and not a tenant, just a flatmate. I am barred from buying myself a coupon exemption permit or residential parking permit, which means that when I'm home I have to buy coupons to avoid hefty fines. And now when I look forward to shopping to in the CBD, with the new parking fees proposed my plan is to shop in Queensgate Lower Hutt, or Porirua to avoid these files as I feel I'm spending enough of my hard earned money on parking fees.

No

11 - Margaret Bearsley: I believe that introduction of the weekend parking fee will result in more people choosing to shop in the suburbs or to drive out to Queensgate. The reasons for my view is that it is stressful enough trying to find parking anywhere near where you want to shop, the stress increases as you have to keep a close watch on the time so as not to outstay the parking time limit, and then if you get a parking fine it would have been cheaper to drive out to Queensgate where you don't have to worry about the time, you don't get wet walking between shops, and there's plenty of parking.

No

12 - Sue Stannard: I believe the weekend parking fees in the CBD are unfair. Already the two hour max imposition is restrictive when you need to do multiple things, eg shop, have a walk, eat a meal. The weekday parking rates are high enough as it is. I use public transport when I can but the infrequency of services

combined with having to carry things (such as shopping items, gym gear, etc) and poor weather can make this inconvenient. I'm supportive of Wellington becoming a more walking-friendly city but charging for parking at the weekends will encourage more people, especially families, to look for options where the parking is free. Street parking is also becoming less available generally. Private parking charges at the weekend are also relatively high. Free weekend parking is one of the benefits that the city currently offers.

No

16 - Ashley-Rose Hawtin: Weekend parking should be of no charge as it has been for a very long time

No

17 - Juliet Simpson: I disagree with fees being added as the cost of parking during the weekdays are already expensive. It nice not to worry about paying for parking when you are running around doing Jobs in the weekends. It is also making the city centre more accessible. If it does come in we will be going to the hutt and more online shopping.

No

18 - Claudia Silva: While there isn't a good offer of public transport that allows for going into and out of the town easily, we should not weekend parking fees. Weekends might be the only opportunity to families to enjoy options in town, being museums, shops, restaurants, etc, with some chance to find a parking spot not in one of the private owned paying areas. It would seriously disadvantaged them. If the public transport was trustworthy and easily accessible parking fees might be an option. If the public transport was iffy before the changes, now it's a nightmare and schools started today, so we don't even have the full picture of how bad it will be.

No

19 - Lisa Lee: Hi there, free parking in the weekends is a big incentive to visit CBD shops, something our family are unable to do during the week. If free weekend parking goes ahead my family will no longer be shopping in the CBD, we will go to Queensgate or North City Shopping Centre, many of my friends and work colleagues feel the same. As a WCC rate payer how about giving WCC rate payers free weekend 2 hour parking? If not WCC's greed will be Lower Hutt's & Porirua's gain.

No

24 - Simon Cook: As a resident of the city centre, I strongly oppose this proposal for a number of reasons: - This would place additional charges upon residents, who in the city centre, are already excluded from the availability of resident's parking. - This would also place a barrier to friends and family visiting those living in the city centre. - I would argue this would have a minimal impact on the number of visitors who are able to be in the city. As the time limits are not being amended, the turnover of parking spaces will be similar if not the same. On top of this, the roading infrastructure around the city (especially SH1 at the terrace tunnel) moves at a snail's pace during the weekend already, meaning that bringing more people into an already packed city is just going to cause irritation for those who actually live and work here. - I would also expect that the introduction of a parking fee would likely not only go towards costs of keeping up amenities, as much as increasing the size of the parking enforcement team. If the city is wanting to increase parking revenue, I would make the argument that targeted enforcement would be a more useful way to gain revenue. For example, ticketing those parked in residents parking along Salamanca road and other areas during every event at the stadium. This would also help ease stresses for residents of areas similar to that where parking restrictions are already under-enforced, while not pushing more financial burden of those who already pay the high cost of living in the city centre.

Yes

25 - Andrew Bartlett: I support the proposal, it will encourage turnover of parking allowing better use of the CBD. I also specifically support the application to this on Oriental parade. This is very busy on weekends and this will test that this is genuine or induced demand by applying a price. Thanks, Andrew Bartlett

No

26 - Dave tinsley: It will deter people from shopping down town. Why when you can go to the malls in the outer suburbs and park for free. Wcc has the highest income of all councils in New Zealand when it comes to ticket revenue income

No

28 - Kathryn Madden: This is to raise my objection to the proposal to introduce weekend parking rates in Wellington city.

Two hours free parking encourages people to come to the city on the weekend where they may instead visit other areas. Introducing paid parking will likely discourage people from coming into the city (as happened in Christchurch) which would negatively impact local businesses.

Further, whilst the city centre has a number of local businesses, there are also a number of private residences, and paid parking in the city on weekends will negatively impact on those resident in the city and immediate vicinity. Those living in areas not covered by the proposed change are also impacted, as people will park further out to avoid the fee and use the spaces that residents rely on to allow for visitors and other amenities, and this is particularly important for residents who are more vulnerable in our society such as the elderly.

No
29 - Bayleh Gatfield: I work both during the week and the weekend, introducing parking fees on the weekend is not affordable. This would also be too expensive for students etc, who can only work on the weekends but need to drive to the city for work.

No
30 - Brent Backhouse: Agree that we should be encouraging alternative forms of transport and better use of public transport into the CBD, but weekend parking fees is a revenue grab and should not be introduced... rates are high enough as it is and the costs of running both WCC and GWRC as two separate entities doesn't make sense in an area with a (relatively) small population so I object to the introduction of weekend parking fees.

No
31 - Amelia Vinnell: If this proposal is to take place, I believe that the most value would be from introducing parking fees only during daytime (from 8am to 6pm) in the weekend with a first 2 hours free still in place. The ability to drive into Wellington city and park freely is one unique to the character of the city and the pressures on parking spaces are minimal compared to other high growth cities. PUBLIC TRANSPORT MUST BE IMPROVED If this is to be implemented then sufficient alternative services need to run in the weekends. This would entail affordable weekend public transport that runs 24/7, especially for Friday and Saturday nights, and frequent. Also linking up train services with buses from Courtenay Place, in regards to Johnsonville and the Hutt Valley will need to improve. The recent changes to the bus services have benefited no one using any service, from Mirimaru to Churton Park. The Metlink Monthlyplus zone 4 public transport pass should be available to those in zone 3 also. This would inevitably improve flows of people into and out of the city (especially at the Churton Park/Johnsonville/Newlands zone) of whom live at a particular distance that would encourage weekend driving into the city. Due to the size of Wellington flow on effects are likely to occur in the fringe points of the city, where parking is cheaper and free will become busy and overburdened, harming residents ability to park within the inner suburbs as people will choose to walk into the city for the day. There should also be a proposed discount public transport cost for the weekend and/or affordable options within parking buildings. SPILLOVER CONGESTION INTO NEIGHBOURING SUBURBS The issue with raising weekend parking prices will force more inner city Wellington dwellers into the suburbs of Porirua, Petone and Johnsonville to complete weekend errands. This will further congest road networks in and around Wellington of which are already at capacity in the weekend (competing with sport in Kilbirnie and families wanting to do weekend activities). This change will be especially harmful to those wanting to visit Oriental Parade for weekend walks, of which people will not be willing to pay. FISCAL COST FOR POTENTIAL LOSS OF CLIENTS The fiscal cost to businesses should be taken into consideration. The potential loss of clients eg. weekend diners at restaurants, may provide no net benefit to rental/lease fees being increased.

No
32 - Tamra Lindsay: I disagree with this proposal as I believe it will be self-defeating. Free parking in Wellington on the weekends is what enables and encourages so many people from the wider region to come into the city. It is one less thing to worry about for the people visiting. People feel free to visit the shops, attractions and eateries that they are unable to visit during the week due to working or the prohibitive cost of paying for parking in town; and in turn, these businesses get the customer traffic on the weekends. Many of these businesses receive the majority of their traffic during the working week and already experience reduced demand on weekends; hence so many shops on Lambton Quay closed Saturdays and Sundays. Paying for parking significantly disincentives residents to visit the city on the weekend and makes the alternatives a lot more appealing - why wouldn't people go out to eat or go shopping in Hutt City, Porirua, or Petone instead where they don't have the ancillary expense of paying for parking? This proposal assumes the parking usage in the city would remain constant when weekend parking fees would be introduced however I believe this does

not consider the greater financial benefit to the city of keeping parking free. There is a risk that the lost revenue from residents no longer choosing to visit the city on the weekends would be greater than the increase in revenue from parking payment. If you are really looking for options to clear up parking while drawing in the weekend visitor volumes, reduce the time limit to 60 or 90 minutes and put on extra parking wardens. Don't drive away the city's frequent and loyal visitors by introducing the same barriers to visiting that the weekdays do. Thank you for considering my submission and I encourage you to think of what will keep our CBD accessible on the weekends for the long term.

No

33 - Roz Sanderson: I think the two hour free limit is really good - it's long enough to pop in and get a haircut, or grab some lunch but it's not enough if you want to spend the entire day in town. I think it would be better to have free parking for an hour or two and then have the option to pay if you want to stay longer.

Yes

34 - Dan Addington: Yes I agree with the proposal. Please build more motorcycle and bicycle parks so that people have options on how to get into town though.

No

35 - Rachel Procter: Just a quick note to say, as a Wellington resident, I'd prefer to keep free weekend parking. I understand charging during the business week, but the weekend is off peak time. I feel that families should be able to come into town and take advantage of Wellington's markets, waterfront, parks, and lovely relaxed weekend vibe without being put off by the cost of parking.

No

37 - Oliver Fredrickson: Hi there My name is Oliver Fredrickson and I am a fifth year student at Victoria University. I am wholeheartedly against the Council's proposal to impose weekend parking fees in the CBD. Currently, I often spend weekends exploring the CBD, as many other do. The prospect of having to pay \$2.50-\$10 in parking along would create a significant deterrence to enter the CBD on weekends. Implementing this fee will significantly reduce the number of people who enter the CBD during the weekend and thus reduce the level of income for businesses in the CBD. This will outweigh the purported saving that this implemented will create. This deterrence will be most felt by individuals and families with low disposable income. Imposing weekend parking fees will make it even more difficult for low-income individuals to get out and make the most of the CBD during the weekend. I am certain that this will impose yet another barrier against these individuals getting out and enjoying the fruits that the CBD has to offer. For this reason, this blanket imposition of fees is misguided. The Wellington CBD has so much to offer in the weekend and imposing parking fees during this period will significantly reduce people's ability to enjoy them, especially those who already struggle enough. Best wishes Oliver

No

38 - Rowena Simpson: I am part of the Wellington community of performing artists who regularly have long rehearsals after hours, including in the weekend. Most of our venues are in the CBD. There are few parking buildings with affordable parking rates and having to pay per hour for a street park as well as move your car every two hours adds time and financial costs to an already underpaid workforce.

No

39 - Gareth Rees: This seems like a money making proposition which will drive people away from the city to shop else where like Lower Hutt or Porirua at present I love being able to drop into the city and shop have lunch then head off without the worry of paying for parking its fantastic. I go to Dunedin 3 times a year to visit family and they charge for weekend parking which is crazy the parks are empty and theres no one around as it drives people elsewhere. If parking is charged for I'll be going elsewhere in the weekends and stay clear of having to pay for parking in the city. Cheers

No

40 - Sham Kader: I do not agree with this proposal. The tax payer already pays money to the government and yet we are still charged for parking in the city to support shops and restaurants there. There is NO incentive to go to the city if we are charged to park in the city on the weekend. My thinking is that I would rather go to a mall where free parking is provided . Wellington will see fewer shoppers go into the city if this parking proposal goes through.

No

42 - Purna Duggirala: The council runs several weekend activities, festivals and events in the central city.

This is why people like us may want to visit CBD in weekends or after hours. Introducing parking will make these events less attractive. Please reconsider the move. Free parking also means less enforcement and thus less costs.

No

44 - Lyn Eden: I love coming into the city in the weekend and not having to worry about paying a fee for 2 hours. It makes shopping in the CBD so accessible. I would rather see the rates increased so the CBD is accessible to all Wellingtonians not just those living in the city or who can afford to bring their family in. It would be a shame to limit the CBD and waterfront to a limited just a few. We have such a cool vibe in the city that is currently inclusive. To pay for parking will just make going to Porirua and Queensgate more appealing. I would like to see Wellington continue to be accessible to all including family groups and those with limited mobility.

No

45 - Hiroaki Ito: I oppose to weekend parking fee introduction in two grounds. First, I am concerned that the new policy would negatively impact economy in Wellington city. The proposed financial barrier would decrease the number of people entering city or at least skew the demographic. This may work well for some business, but at the same time would penalize other businesses. As well as the negative economic impact, I am also concerned about segregation of certain socio-economic demographic would be a loss to vibrant & inclusive culture I love about Wellington city. Second, I believe there are more creative solution to traffic problem. If you insist on collecting the parking fee to weekend car drivers, then the capital should be invested on promoting the alternative method of getting into city, i.e, free bus ride and back to city. The incentive would encourage people to use public transport, which would resolve the traffic problem, as well as promote economic activity in city, solving the original problem of traffic without penalizing economy. As a occlusion I would like to say that for the scale of impact it has to citizens and businesses I wish the topic was promoted for discussion, and more time was given before the policy was put into effect. I believe my opinions are clear but I am happy to explain my idea further if required. If policy was to go ahead regardless, I urge city council to monitor impact to economy and traffic at least.

No

46 - Matt Page: This idea will not have the desired effect and will in fact put people off coming into the CBD. A major draw card is that it's free to come in and shop/explore the city during the weekend. Should you go ahead, It would be in all reality cheaper and more efficient to park privately rather than in council run spaces, however other near by city's would become more attractive as they would be cheaper and more easily accessible than Wellington.

No

47 - Ken Hand: I strongly object to the introduction of weekend parking fees and to the proposal to charge \$22.50 for full week parking. I object for four reasons: * Firstly because it is discriminatory against those on low incomes, including beneficiaries, pensioners, and many low income working individuals and families. They have as much right as anyone to be able to access the city in the weekend, without facing the barrier of parking charges. The introduction of these fees with effectively privatise all car parking in the city. The Council already generates a large amount of revenue from car parking fees (\$25 million per year) without needing to charge for weekend parking. Further, the Council has allowed Wilson Parking to become a dominant private monopoly within the city generating monopolistic revenues. Wilson Parking charges exorbitant fees for weekend parking. The company's revenue rose 22% over the last year, helped by WCC's actions, which flowed offshore to its Hong Kong owners. I also object to the proposed weekly charge of \$22.50 for full day parking as it is also exorbitant, and currently higher than what the private market is charging. * Secondly, I believe the proposal will adversely effect retailers who are under strong pressure from online shopping, and also from high rents which is partly due to the Council's lack of strategy to increase the supply of retail or office space within the city. We come regularly to the city in the weekends for brunch, shopping, haircuts, the gym as this is the best time for us. But we will certainly look to curtail this rather than pay \$10-\$14 to be in town for a few hours. I believe Lambton Quay and Willis St will experience a considerable drop in customers under this proposal. * Thirdly, I object because it simply a 'soft option' by the Council in terms of raising additional revenue. It reflects Councillors with no backbone or principle who won't face up to the fact that they need to raise rates on households to pay for the Council's activities. Household wealth has grown dramatically in recent years due to rising house prices, yet rates increases are low. In Khandallah, you can easily bank on a \$500,000 extra on the value of your house over the last 2 to 3 years, and yet rates are rising at 3-4% when they shouldn't going up much more steeply, particularly on wealthier households. * Fourthly, I object because I have very little confidence in the WCC or the Wellington Regional Council. The WCC has created many problems in the city due to its poor urban planning, particularly for additional, quality housing that meets the

city's needs. It continues to focus on expensive 'beautification' projects, particularly to benefit wealthier suburbs, rather than getting on with the job of expanding housing supply and expanding infrastructure to support growth. Thank you for considering my submission. Yours sincerely, Kenneth R Hand

No
48 - LOUIE TUNGOL: Weekends are for family outings and church activities. And the beautiful Wellington City offers the most convenient place to spend such important activities, especially for us who live outside of the city. Imposing parking fees then on weekends will make many family-oriented and God-fearing people to have a second thought of going to the city. So, please don't add more burdens to us. Thanks.

No
49 - D Hg: Doesnt make sense. Just more money grab from rates payer

No
50 - Amelia Bardsley: The City needs to retain free parking in weekend (with the current 2 hr limit) as it encourages people to come into town in weekend to browse and shop and attend events. If they have to pay, it will be a disincentive and be a further reason for them to stick to shopping Malls like Queensgate. Currently central City is a vibrant happy place in weekend - and usually able to get a car park - and it feels good to be able to shop without having to pay for parking. My family and I are often popping down numerous times in weekend to pick up things/ pop in for a coffee somewhere/ drop the kids off. It's easy and inexpensive. We are often at Waitangi Park and it does not feel right to have to pay \$8.00 to watch my kids while they skate in the weekend. Parking is already so expensive during the week. If fees were introduced, I feel it would keep people away from the City.

No
52 - Kim Nicol: I live on the terrace but work in Linton during the week. When I am home I need free parking on the street. No to weekend parking fees! Wellington already has one of the highest parking rates in the country.

No
53 - Francesca Dutt-Maharaj: Parking is expensive and limited enough without introducing weekend fees. With property prices increasing people are being forced out of the city, and having to pay more for parking makes it more difficult to afford the commute.

No
56 - Hayley Swan: This will only stop people coming in to the city to shop as it becomes unfeasible

No
57 - Magda Szalanska: Please don't implement weekly parking fees in CBD. We already pay so much during weekdays.

No
58 - Jessica Braddock: On street parking is already as expensive if not more so than finding a parking building. Not only will this be yet another expense for wellingtonians but this in addition to the new bus system will stop people from coming into the city on the weekend, both from the wider Wellington region and inner suburbs. People will go to Lower Hutt or Porirua to shop, so shops in the city will suffer. Let the people have the weekend parking free of charge!

No
61 - Shylo Coombe: Who in their right mind would want to pay for parking in the weekend you clowns How tf is that benefiting anyone it's ridiculous it's already free and things are good Don't need be idiots people don't even want to pay in the weekdays

No
66 - Amelia Lingonis: Stop trying to discourage people from coming into the city! Maybe you wouldn't need to hike rates if you weren't wasting so much money on stupid projects like the Tory Street 're-imagination'. I'm trying to run a CBD business and WCC seem to be hell bent on destroying any hope of success. You're supposed to help - not hinder.

No
67 - Chris Lingonis: NO

No

68 - Jess Marie: It is ridiculous enough of what the price of parking is in Wellington CBD and the other regions of Wellington. To park for 2 & 1/2 hours on the Terrace costs \$8.50! I earn exactly \$16.50 an hour and thats half of one hours work to park for only two hours! With the recent increasing prices of public transport across the region it is not fair on the increase parking prices as well. Once again, it seems greedy of the Wellington City Council to introduce weekend parking when you make hundred's of thousands of dollars of parking tickets and parking prices anyway. Maybe you should charge people on bikes road user charges since they use the roads as if they were their own?!?

No

70 - Tessa Richards: Parking fees in Wellington Central are already extortionate. Putting fees in place on weekends will certainly make me think twice about coming into the city to shop, dine etc., especially now that the buses aren't running nearly as efficiently as they were. You can't destroy a public transport system and simultaneously increase parking fees!

No

71 - Rhys Scannell: Free parking weekends are what bring people into the city. I come from Upper Hutt quite frequently and I avoid coming during the week because of the horrific Parking rates. I think that paid parking on weekends will hurt the local Businesses because of other people in the same boat as I

No

72 - Rhys Morgan: As someone born in Wellington, I've always considered free weekend parking a nice touch from the council. Don't scrap free weekend parking. It has a lovely feel to it. thanks Rhys

No

74 - Matthew Mason: I strongly disagree. Free parking on oriental parade encourages people to come to town and take their time having a walk, stopping at a cafe etc. You want people to be stress free on the weekends and that wint happen if there are parking fees. It's a vital pro for the city.

No

75 - Stephanie Brebner: Introducing parking fees on the weekend I think will discourage people from shopping in town on the weekend. I also disagtee that it will increase the turnover in carparks, because if you pay for two hours of parking you are more likely to 'make the most of it' and stay for the whole time you paid for.

No

76 - Libby Judge: Makes it harder/much less accessible for families travelling from outside of Wellington to come to the city in the weekend. Please weigh up the cost of parking revenue versus allowing low income families to spend time in our beautiful city!!!!!!

No

78 - Lisa Loong: Weekends are for the family. If we need to end up paying more just to spend moretime with the family, that's just unfair. Working on a time constraint is unfair.

No

80 - Paris Waterworth: As someone who lives around 20 minutes drive from the city, I feel that this would discourage me from going into the city on the weekend.

No

82 - Valerie Poort: This will be absolutely detrimental to the Wellington brand the council have worked so hard to create over the last ten years. Making it cost to enjoy Wellington on the weekend will steer many away from using the city. I do not agree with this proposal. You need to look elsewhere to recover costs. This is not the solution unless you want explosive public backlash.

No

83 - Hannah Strawbridge: The government is only just coming to terms that living costs are expensive, petrol is rising, and life itself just isn't affordable yet alone adding more costs throughout the city. Be like Kate Shephard and start a movement against sufferage and local poverty by taking away unnecessary costs throughout the capital city. Show not only New Zealand who we should be, but the world.

No

90 - Sarah Neeson: Absolutely not. I think this would have a huge negative impact, especially on families with kids or low income families. When you're counting every dollar, \$2.50-\$5 is not insignificant. I think it will put people off visiting the great sights the city has to offer.

No

91 - Jonathan Middleton: How can you seriously justify this change? I can understand parking fees in the working week, as it keeps parking under control with everyone fighting for parks before work but this is just insane. You can almost always find a park in town in the weekend, turnover is already relatively good so that is a poor excuse. This must be rare for a major city why ruin this?. This change would only force more people to drive further to lower hutt and petone for free parking, and would encourage more drink driving out of fear of being ticketed in the morning. The timing of this has to be a cruel joke considering how bad the new bus network is going, and considering the flattening and homeless crisis in Wellington at the moment, is this really a top priority or a good use of town resources? Without the 2 hour free exemption within the inner city and the free weekend parking in the outer area of this plan - you going to cause a lot more problems for Wellington than you realize and this will really impact lower income Families and Students who are already struggling in this very Expensive City. Put parking up during the week if you must, but dont ruin the Weekend Wellington for the sake of another pathetic tax.

No

93 - Charlotte Ell: Worst idea. People already pay so much in parking on the week days, it is a treat to be able to go into town on your weekend and do shopping without the extra stress of paying for parking. Don't take the simple joys away of what contributes to a nice weekend. It's a shame that we feel the need to attach a cost to everything. Keep parking free, and keep it on a first in first served basis. Disappointing that this idea has even been suggested..

No

94 - Josiah Ayres: Introducing paid parking in town will decrease the number of people visiting the city, which would negatively impact the shops and small businesses in the center. I believe it will likely mean many more people will travel to areas such as Lower Hutt Porirua or Perone as they have free parking.

No

95 - Carolyn Thomas: I often have to drive into town in the weekends and I've had no problems finding parks. The current time limits works well. Having to pay an hourly rate will discourage people who drink too much to leave their car in town and pick it up the next day. We need to make it as easy as possible to keep drunk drivers off our roads. Leave it as it is - it's not broke so don't change it

No

98 - Elliot Ashton-Stretch: I think the idea that introducing weekend fees to increase the turnover of spaces and bring more visitors to the city is flawed. Those who can consistently afford the already costly parking rates will continue to pay, but as a low income earner this would disincentivise me from bringing my car into the CBD at all. Within the CBD I typically only use my car on weekends because of the free parking, for errands that require transporting heavy or difficult to carry things e.g. flat shopping or equipment/people to a space I manage on Schaffers Wharf. With a low income, \$3-4 per hour is simply too much to pay during the week (that's 3 cans of coconut cream from the supermarket!), so I hardly ever use my car or bus even if the weather's abysmal.

No

99 - Lucie Dewhurst: Charging people to park in the CBD on weekends is ridiculous, people are going to think twice before coming into the CBD and businesses are going to lose money

No

100 - Haydn Bannister: The potential difficulty of finding a park in the weekends has never dissuaded me from going into the city for shopping etc, but the potential cost of parking on weekdays has put me off many times. Also, \$3-6 or so may not seem like a big deal to some people, but it is just another point in favor of not bothering with physical stores and just buying things online. It is after all potentially the same as the postage, making online shopping probably even cheaper. Not everyone can justify spending it on parking.

No

101 - Herman Fiu: No way! Keep the weekend fees free.

No

102 - Kennedy McKay: People come into town alot in the weekends. And majority of people coming into the CBD need to pay for parking anyway, and the world is getting too expensive

No

103 - Jason Gaskin: I do not agree with weekend parking fees thanks

No

104 - Lyndal Honeyman: I work as a midwife and many of my clients live in the CBD/Oriental Bay/Mt Vic/Thorndon. I, and other midwives plus other tradespeople and health visitors, can't afford pay parking - it's bad enough during the week. I know others (not just midwives, tradesmen too) who will not take on clients who live in these areas because of the pay parking unless the client agrees to pay on their behalf (which technically isn't allowed under section 88 which midwives operate under) or there is a guaranteed car park close by as much of the equipment we carry can be difficult to move long distances on foot.

No

105 - Zoe Clausen: As someone who lives out of city and has to drive this is a great deterrent for getting me to come into city to shop or go to shows etc

No

106 - catherine steensma: Wellingtonians already pay enough in parking on weekdays, parking will deter visitors to the city, affect businesses and the general atmosphere of the city. The council needs to stop ripping off the citizens of Wellington will unnecessary parking charges on weekend and ridiculous and dangerous cycle ways. LEAVE FREE WEEKEND PARKING ALONE

No

110 - Dan Smith: Wellington is renowned for its weekend vibe. It's a great city. People can enjoy beautiful walks along the water front, fishing off oriental bay, going to the cake tin to support the Phoenix or the Hurricanes, walking along Lampton to get in some weekend shopping or taking the kids to a movie on a rainy Sunday afternoon. While the proposal, no doubt to deter traffic and promote public transport is a nice ideal, all of these things that we love about our great little city will suffer from this proposal. Bringing the fishing gear on the train is an impractical reality. Forking out more money to get into the city to support your team will be the tipping point that keeps the few remaining supporters at home to watch the city. The thought of walking in the rain to from the train station to the movies or adding more cost to an already expensive trip will keep many families at home. These are just a few examples of the harm this proposal will cause While I commend the efforts to promote public transport and deter driving into the city, it will achieve very little while doing a great deal of harm. Most people will drive in anyway, they have little choice. However, they will now be paying more for transport and spending less in the city's businesses. Those who are deterred by the cost simply won't come in to the city at all. Businesses will be affected, supporters at the cake tin will reduce and our great little city's atmosphere will suffer. This proposal must not go through. Sincerely Dan Smith

No

111 - Tamara Wilson: My family lives outside of Wellington City and very often will come into the city in the weekend and take advantage of the free parking to go shopping. Making parking no longer free in the weekend is an unnecessary cost, one that my family will not be able to afford. This will prevent people from outside the city coming into the city. Wellington City is already quiet in the weekends, it will only be more quiet if we make people pay for parking.

No

112 - Tina Graham: Not at all. I live in the city and I'd like to be able to have visitors without them incurring expenses to visit me. No weekend fees is just one of the great things about our lovely city. Don't take this away, unless you are going to actively use it towards a retractable roof for the stadium or creating a proper international airport.

No

113 - Christina Blair: Consideration should be made to those who live in the CBD. Parking is already limited due to damaged car parking g buildings

No

115 - Kendra Walls: Parking in Wellington costs enough on the weekdays. Charging for parking discourages people from wanting to just pop into the city on a weekend and get lunch or a coffee. You'll also have to run more wardens on the weekends and your saying the extra money will go towards transferring the

cost of maintaining city centre amenities from local businesses paying the Downtown Levy to those who use the parking spaces and helping keep rates increases to a minimum, but it will actually go towards paying their salaries. Another point is why shouldn't the local businesses pay these levy's? They are the ones that are making money off the customers. The person parking is spending money on both petrol and parking to come and spend more money in these shops... It would be the same as a company/shop owning the carpark space outside their store.

No

116 - Georgia Trass: Parking is already extremely expensive in Wellington City and the proposal for parking fees in the weekend would make commute much more difficult for working and going to the city in the weekends, and would hinder the amount of times I personally would visit Wellington in the weekends.

No

118 - Shikha Dutt: I will stop coming to town if fees are introduced. Thanks

No

119 - Amol Shejwal: I do not want fees in weekend.

No

120 - Pravin Shejwal: I do not want fees in weekend.

No

121 - Renu GOel: I do not want fees in weekend.

No

122 - Suresh Goel: I do not want fees in weekend.

No

123 - Rishay Dutt: I do not want fees in weekend.

No

124 - Rahul Srivastav: This new change is just another way of getting revenue from the public, weekdays parking is already costly, and when people want to enjoy over the weekend by coming to the city, you are planning to charge parking fee. It's better the council just clear their intention, which is they want revenue that's it.

No

125 - Bobble John: No fees please, I will not come to town

Yes

126 - Patrick Radomski: I agree with weekend parking fees in the CBD, especially if there isn't a 2 hour time limit applied.

Yes

128 - BJ Pike: It is fair to have a user-pays and time regulation for busy car parks, including weekends. I would object to a restriction or fee on evening parking, as theatre & dining events, meetings etc often take more than the usual 2 hour or lower limit on city car parks.

No

129 - Robyn Brown: I support the weekend 2 hour parking limit within the current weekday premium (\$4.50) area. I do NOT support the 2 hour time limit on the outer areas such as south of Taranaki St., If a limit is deemed necessary four hours would be more appropriate. Two hours is not enough time for people from the suburbs to come into the city and spend some time such as a cinema visit or museums with or without a retail or cafe component. Not everything is workable with public transport.

No

133 - Andrew Thompson: The existing 2-hour limit during weekend street-parking already serves the purpose of ensuring turn-over of car parks to enable more people to access the city. Charging for this privilege is unlikely to make people vacate their car spaces any quicker - 2hours is already a fast turn-over time. You could instead charge to park for longer than 2hours, or simply make penalty fines greater for those who illegally park longer than 2hours.

No

134 - Katherine Mitchell: Dear Sir or Madam, I would like to object against the proposed Weekend Parking Fees. Weekday Parking Fees are already high during the working week and I think it is unfair to then add to this with additional fees on the weekend. The weekend is the public's chance to relax and take a break from working life without a want to spend an arm and a leg. City life is expensive enough and there are already high tolls when in parking lots near the Sunday markets, if you happen to find an available park outside of the lots then that should remain free. I personally already pay \$150 to travel on your Metlink bus service every month to work, I do not want to be penalized to drive my car and enjoy my weekend. The money lost in retail due to people not being able to afford parking on the weekend is not worth this new fee. Kind regards, Katherine

No

135 - Victor Chang: Charging parking on weekends would just discourage any outer suburb people coming in shopping etc

No

136 - Dylan Harding: I avoid going into the city on weekdays because of the horrible traffic, and parking fees. Why would i want to spend half an hour wasting my gas, looking for a fricken park, then having to muck around looking for coins to pay for bloody parking. We pay enough in ridiculous parking fees as it is. Ive been wrongly fined for parking in the past and even though im patient; the bloody parking warden boiled my blood.

No

137 - Aaron Pang: I believe that this proposal is unnecessary and will act as a disincentive for people to go shopping or eat out in the central city. Rather than taking something away from the people that they have enjoyed for years, the Council should look at ways to trim unnecessary spending. This will further turn away shoppers from Courtenay Place and the CBD in favour of areas such as Queensgate or North City shopping mall or other complexes that offer free parking and a variety of outlets, thus having a negative impact on the businesses in the area. In addition to petrol prices being higher than ever, this is another slap in the face for those who live in the suburbs where taking a family or group via public transport is not always a feasible option. The Council can do better.

No

138 - Alexander Rice: I do not believe in this proposal, free weekend parking is a great initiative to get people into town to support local businesses. It will affect local trade, especially the markets. Parking fees have been introduced in my UK hometown, and it has had a big negative impact on weekend trading. Living out in Karori means I can commute fairly easily to work in the week. When I go to town on the weekends, I tend to do a large shop and so having the car is beneficial. The free parking also allows for visiting charity shops and I noticed many people utilising the free parkig to drop items to the charity shops. Do not turn into the UK and charge for parking everywhere, it really would affect the character and culture of wellington.

No

139 - Martinus Wirawan: Something need to be reconsider because weekends are the day that family going to the public space. In what sense the reason it need to be change???

No

140 - Sam Baldock: To whom this concerns. Parking in Wellington city is ridiculously expensive as it is. Period. Not to mention if a person actually wants to go into town for a quick task, for example to drop a letter into a post box or something that will NOT take one hour, we would still have to pay for the entire hour! Is that not robbery? Why not offer customers the ability to pay for half hours even? For example when I have visitors from other cities they always point out how bad parking here is. Does the government truly need to squeeze MORE out of its people?!? The petrol prices are already stupidly high compared to the rest of the country, for no apparent reason other than greed, the cost of groceries is stupidly high as it is, public transport is expensive, not to mention rent! Wellington is a super beautiful place to live, but sweet mother Mary is it so hard to stop trying to squeeze every hard earned coin out of your citizens?!? Give us more FREE Parking, give us cheaper God damn petrol, and stop making it so difficult to anything with out it costing an arm and a leg!! MY VOTE IS TO NOT INITIATE THE WEEKEND PARKING FEES, AND INFAC T REDUCE THE CURRENT PRICES ALREADY. Stop trying to push low income earners out of the city. It's becoming painfully obvious and it's disgusting behavior. Parking in Wellington is an absolute joke and the fact that the government/council is trying to make us pay MORE is absolutely absurd.

No

142 - Annabel Wilkins: I very much enjoy coming into town at the weekend for a walk around town with my

husband as he works out of town during the week. Now with the new bus service, the only way for us to do this is to take the car. We do not have a lot of extra money, and we truly would not be able to start paying for parking at the weekends which would result in us having to go elsewhere. The council is supposed to be encouraging people into the town and now with the awful bus service - this will be the final straw.

No

143 - Sarah McLaughlin: I live in the city and already visitors are restricted in how often they can come in due to parking costs. The weekend is a mere two days out of seven they can enjoy this for free. Our CBD is such a beautiful space. I was born and raised in Christchurch, a city that had the worst CBD before the earthquakes...people there never went into the city over the weekends, all shopping was done at malls. If we introduce weekend parking costs, I can only imagine the same thing happening here. Local businesses will lose income and our residents will have far less choice of things to do with their precious weekends. Please. Don't let this amazing city lose its vibe. There's already enough trouble with the buses, causing a decrease in people using them. Restricting most people's second option - using their car - is not going to bode well for our CBD.

No

144 - Oliver Stent: I thoroughly disagree with charging on the weekends. I don't earn a lot of money, so I plan my whole weeks shopping around the fact that I can drive my car and park it in the city for free on the weekends. I simply can't afford to do so during the week. Implementing weekend parking would discourage me and others in my position from even bothering to come into the city and spend what money I do have. I would rather drive the bit further journey through to Lower Hutt or Johnsonville.

No

146 - Kirsten Sharma: As a student I have limited funds. The only time I go into the city is in the weekends because I know I do not have to pay parking. This is one of the only times I am able to engage with the community and City I live in. This is a limitation to access of the resources produced by yourselves and will result in waste of invested money as resources will not be utilised as I know that I am not the only person deterred by introduced weekend fees

No

150 - Leila Kelly: The parking fees in Wellington are already ridiculously high, it costs anyone nearly 10\$ to park in town for an hour! Not everyone has that kind of money, their spending it on things like feeding their families and gassing their cars up to take their children to school, the rates, fees and taxes in this city are robbing people blind and the whole aspect of community has gone out the window. The city never sees any of the money either it goes straight in the councils personal pockets. Strongly disagree

No

151 - Sarah Abele-Jacksties: People need to visit the city for a variety of reasons - almost all of those visiting are already spending money in the city. This proposal would just put additional strain on those who need to travel in and out of the city on weekends but can't effectively use public transport.

No

156 - Katie Collier: Weekend parking is important to me both as a city-dweller and a former suburb-dweller. As a city dweller, the free parking facilitates visits from friends and family. It's also a welcome break from paying to park my car outside my apartment, as I don't have my own parking space. As a suburb-dweller, free weekend parking brought me in to the city to shop, browse, have coffee. I think it's a vital economic stimulant for the city on the weekends, and other revenue-gathering activities should be considered in its place by the Council.

Yes

157 - Nick Decarie: I regularly use weekend parking. If it were not free, it would inhibit my ability to live and spend my leisure time in the centre city. As a result, I would spend less money in the centre city, which is a perverse incentive for the Council.

No

158 - Corey O'Neill: its outrageous! Why can't people just enjoy wellington without having to pay to even be there? Why don't the council charge Wilson parks as they make millions praying on the vulnerable. Leave wellington city fee free parking!

No

162 - Cass Smith: I personally believe introducing parking fees to weekend parking in the CBD will make it more of a hassle for the public to access shopping and eating areas in the CBD which could deter them to go spend their time and money elsewhere such as Porirua or The Hutt where most parking areas are free. I believe this would not only be a hassle for the public potentially a loss of income for the Wellington CBD business owners

Yes

164 - Katie Fitzsimons: I agree with the proposed changes, public transport is hardly used on weekend due to the convenience of driving and parking in the CBD. I would hope the introduction of paid parking would see a increase in public transport on the w/e, a win for our environment!

No

165 - crystal li: So far I havent had any big problems finding a car park in the city centre during weekends, so I dont agree with the proposal.

No

166 - Ben Dunbar: I feel this is a stupid decision. Why? Because for years it has been free on weekends which brings people to Wellington so why charge for parking. People are poor enough as it is and they don't need the council charging for parking in the weekend hell you already charge people for parking in the weekdays. I am not happy with this decision.

No

167 - Luke Hu: The traffic is good during the weekend. What's the point to reduce traffic? It's going to hurt CBD business!

No

168 - Hamish Stratmore: We go to Wellington every Saturday as we can park freely and wander the shops. If free parking is removed we won't bother with the extra travel distance and expense and go to Lower Hutt instead. If you want to attract and keep money flowing in the weekend, don't put another reason for it to stop. The only beneficiaries of this policy will be the malls and free parking areas such as Porirua and Queensgate.

No

169 - Robyn Meek: I come in to Wellington on weekends only. I take young adult children and also 11 grandchildren in for excursions. If I have to pay for parking, I will probably take them to Porirua or Lower Hutt to spend money. I take them to Te Papa and various shops, spending money in your community.

No

170 - Robbie Titchener: If paying for weekend parking does come in, cars illegally parking in bus-stops should also be more enforced. (Speaking as a bus driver who has to often kick cars out of bus stops.)

No

171 - Lloyd Cudby: It is stated that it is anticipated that the addition of fees will encourage greater turn over of parking spaces on the weekend. Going from no fee to any proposed fee is in fact a fee increase. The council has increased parking fees in the past. The council should therefore already have quantitative evidence to support this anticipated benefit in terms of parking space turnover. Without such evidence, it could also be anticipated that addition of fees will drive people away from the CBD and may also push more people to use private parking operator car parks, neither of which is a desirable outcome. Addition of weekend fees will require more enforcement. What is the additional cost of enforcement? At what point do the costs break even for the council. What is the reduction in the Downtown Levy going to be and is it dependent on a specific additional parking fee revenue target set by the council, and what is it. There really needs to be more transparency around the cost of implementation and ongoing costs, financial benefits to any parties and proper data to support the anticipated benefits.

No

173 - Joe Gilmartin: The stores already have enough trouble trying to combat online sales, high rents and weekly parking. This would kill so much more business. Also many jobs can only happen on weekends which will push up already higher prices for contracts etc. You can't just keep charging people as they will stop coming in and go elsewhere. This city needs people to survive so don't make it more expensive to visit

No

174 - Debbie Wallace: Bringing in the parking fees over the weekend will kill wellington. I will go to other

areas of wellington that have free parking for catching up with friends for lunch, dinner and shopping. No need to put up the rates for this, we are the ones keeping our city alive with spending the money in the City. I am sure you can come up with something better!!!

No
175 - Tracie Kourochkin: Please give the people of Wellington and the greater area a break. Living is already so expensive for some let alone this increase

No
176 - Kirk Burnard: Do not agree with this, parking is fine on the weekends from experience and it will affect local businesses as people will be less encouraged to shop in the cbd on weekends.

No
177 - Terena Bailey: Restriction on parking is already happens in the weekend at 2 hours maximum. this is already enforced with electric notification to officers on duty and is enough. Poor people shop on the weekend to avoid the weekly fees. Dont do it!

No
178 - sam mercer: It is ridiculous parking should be free in the weekend

No
179 - James Fitch: As a father of 4 children, we often go into the city in the weekend to shop. This will stop, we will go to out of town shopping in Porirua or Lower Hutt. As a father of 4, we often take advantage of the water front on a sunny day, go for a wander, buy an icecream, this will stop, we will go to other places. As a father of 4 children, every Sunday we head into the city for Church, this won't stop, but it may stop others, and may have knock-on effects on amount of charitable work the church can do and the amount of money the Church can give to other inner city charities. I would suggest at the very least, you do not charge on the weeken mornings, so people can worship and go to the farmers markets and shop.

No
180 - Ryan Hughes: This will not affect me personally as I live within the CBD, however I think it will discourage those living in the suburbs to come into the City.

No
182 - Eve Mackenzie: It's one of the great things about Wellington that parking is free on weekends.

Yes
183 - William Guest: In principle, I agree with parking charges at the weekends. However, I would like a longer time period to allow my wife and me to go to a movie and have a meal without risking an infringement fine. Movies can be 2 hours long, and there is walking time to the cinema. Even a sandwich and coffee takes 20 minutes. I suggest a 3 hour time allowance.

No
184 - Richard Mills: Wellington is a vibrant and exciting place to be in the weekend. The CBD is alive with people, particularly on a nice day and there is a wonderful casual vibe to the city. Cafes are inviting, tourists spend time and money with local businesses (and therefore support local households) and the streets feel alive. Introducing paid parking is a greedy and cynical proposal that would act as a disincentive to many casual visitors and shoppers. I for one would take my Saturday or Sunday brunch business out to Petone's Jackson Street, and use the shops in Lower Hutt or Porirua if parking was no longer free. I would recommend that visitors to the region follow suit.

No
185 - Susan Henry: I think it will deter people especially families from coming into the city. With a 2 hr time limit it puts pressure on people to get everything 'done' in that time frame when the reason for coming into the city at the weekend is to enjoy all there is on offer and not to feel so rushed in doing so.

No
186 - Angus Wood: It will be detrimental to CBD retailers, shoppers and those who like to enjoy Wellington without having to pay for parking. Is it worth the small gains to the council's coffers?

No
187 - Nicholas Urry: My family and I regularly pop into the CBD on a weekend for a quick shop or a bite to

eat. While finding a park can sometimes be a challenge it is not impossible. The flexible of being able to move the car from one end of town to the other without having to pay for parking so we can do a quick look works really well. Without free parking and the flexibility it represents we are more likely to shop outside the CBD, less likely to eat out etc. The lack of parking building and the extreme gouging of prices from the operators is even more likely to exasperate the issue. The cost and inefficiency of the bus service means taking the car is a more affordable option even with the paid parking. Maybe even cheaper weekend rates could encourage public transport options, my kids love riding the bus but we just cant justify the cost for quick trips, that could be another option, paid parking but subsidised public transport? While i understand the need to find additional revenue streams and keep rates manageable there seems to be a number of unnecessary vanity projects like movie museums on the cards that should be canned before changing things like parking.

No

188 - Kathryn Jack: It's already hard enough finding a park on the weekends why make people pay. People will be less inclined to go into wellington if you make them pay for parking. Public transport is unreliable at the moment so people won't be inclined to take a bus into town to avoid the parking fee. I think it will be harmful to business as people will go outside of wellington for their shopping experience. As a rate payer why should I have to pay the council more money,

No

189 - Raju GV: Only key incentive for me to come to CBD in the weekend is free parking so that my kids can play in Frankikitts park, visit te papa and walk upto Oriental Bay. In Between some shopping in Lambton Quay and Willis Street. The CBD becomes lively when Sun is out in the Weekends manily driven by Free Parking. If the parking fee is introduced I may not come to CBD on the week ends and I need to think twice if I need to and mostly I will avoid it.

No

191 - Hamish Gordon: I support parking charges at a lower rate on Saturday but there should be free parking on Sundays

No

192 - Moss Bowering-Scott: Absolutely ridiculous proposal. I will definitely be coming into town less on the weekends now, why would I bother? A quick straw poll around my office in suburbs reveals the same - no more Saturday morning markets, no more meeting friends for coffee. All these facilities are available in the suburbs, and charging for parking seems to be the final straw nudging us to stay in our own backyards. Is the council seriously that greedy for a few extra dollars?

No

193 - Maia Bellingham: Business that choose to operate in the CBD should have to pay the levy. Why ruin something that is currently working well for the people of Wellington. It is nice being able to go into town in the weekend and not have to worry about the burden of paying for parking or overstaying by 1 minute and getting a parking ticket.

No

194 - Kym Kempen: I feel this is a mistake and bad timing, with all the issues with busses at the moment, More people will be inclined to drive to the city for food and shopping, free parking is a major incentive for people to shop in the city, 2 hrs and it's free what an amazing thing, why take it away, all you are going to do is drive people to malls for them to do their shopping as that's free, Christmas shopping starts up soon too, life is hard enough why can't we the greatest city have a few perks here and there, free parking just for a few hours at the weekend is fair enough... you make enough from all the other times and coupon parking etc. it will effect businesses we want people spending money in our city.

No

196 - Penny Fairbrother: I don't believe that introducing parking fees to encourage a higher turnover of parking spaces so that more people are able to access the city. I park in town regularly and don't have a problem getting a park, indicating that there is plenty of turnover/availability. Further, the central city trade coupon (proposed cost \$22.50) seems ludicrously expensive. I do think consideration needs to be given to the time limit, as I often take my son into town for a movie and if we do lunch and a movie then 2hrs simply isn't long enough. Given the above I would support: 1. Free weekend parking for up to two hours 2. Paying a reasonable fee for parking for longer than two hours, ie, \$4 or \$5 for up to 4hrs.

No

197 - Elizabeth Gibbs: I attend church on a Sunday morning and it can be hard enough to get in and out of the park within the two-hour limit. If you start charging for parking, this could have an impact on those who want to attend church but will be unable to afford the parking fee. It will drive people to the suburbs and malls to do their shopping and will deter those who want to come into town to meet friends for brunch, lunch or just to have a walk along the waterfront on a nice day. I don't believe it will 'free up parking spaces' at all and encourage turnover - it will just make people think twice about coming into Wellington, therefore becoming a self-fulfilling prophecy. Less people, more carparks - but a less vibrant and dynamic city centre.

No

199 - Shane Munn: Weekend parking fees will kill the trade for already struggling CBD businesses. Once the businesses leave, there will be no Jobs or taxes for the council. I strongly object to this plan.

No

200 - Ben Amor: No strong objection to the *charges* for parking but the time limit will be a severe inconvenience along Oriental Parade. A yacht race lasts a lot longer than the proposed 2 hours. Public transport is an impractical alternative as one often needs to bring equipment to Clyde Quay. Additionally I am a trustee of a registered charity (the Wellington Classic Yacht Trust) which seeks to preserve and restore yachts and other vessels which form part of the maritime heritage of Wellington. We keep vessels at Clyde Quay and the same concerns re parking duration apply.

No

201 - Gloria Brash: I think we need to be encouraging people to come into the CBD at the weekend to use the amazing services and facilities we have without the additional expense of parking.

Yes

202 - Nicci Wood: I support the introduction of weekend charging in the CBD and surrounds. I understand this is to encourage the turn over of parking, and therefore the accessibility of Wellington to many. I assume the revenue stream will be used to pay for the upkeep of the roading asset base, as well as compensating for the loss of the business levy. I am a strong supporter of alternative means of transport- walking, cycling, on demand and co-share vehicles, and -if its working for people -public transport. Hopefully increasing parking levy will get people to think about alternative transport choices and out of their cars. Please note, i am a senior member of the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club (as well as Oriental Parade resident), and do not believe this change in parking charges is as detrimental to them as they suggest. I DONT NOT support their submission.

No

203 - Anthony Fuell: My opposition to this is based on two factors:- (i) My wife and I attend church on Sunday mornings at St John's in the City Presbyterian Church on the corner of Willis St and Dixon St. We drive down to do this as we appreciate the service and the community at this church which we have not found anywhere else. Parking in this area is not easy on Sundays even now and having to pay for about 2 hours parking would provide a major disincentive for us, as we are on a fixed income, both being superannuitants and the church being too far from the station to make it practical to use public transport. (ii) I also object particularly to the proposal to introduce parking charges along Oriental Bay as it is our habit to drive down to that area after church if the weather is fine and go for walks, appreciating the beauty of the harbour views. Clearly, the introduction of a parking charge would mean that we would not be able to do this. Many Wellington residents do the same, the beach is very popular and the number of walkers, joggers and cyclists using the Bay, adults and children alike, is very large. To introduce a car parking charge at weekends would result in a significant loss of amenity to Wellington residents. It would also affect the use of the area for markets, concerts, fireworks, swimming, fishing, sailing and the many other outdoor activities that take place in Wellington over weekends and which contribute immensely to the perceived quality of life in the city, which makes it a world leader.

No

204 - Leanne Pool: This would stop me from going into the city on the weekend.

No

205 - David Morrison: I think parking should still be free.

No

206 - Byron Walker: I do not agree. This will make it more expensive for families to participate in activities in the CBD on the weekends.

No

207 - Nick Vause: As a GWRC ratepayer who lives in Porirua and often travels to the city on weekends for sailing activities at Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club (RPNYC), this adjustment to parking fees would impact me negatively. Our regularly scheduled sailing takes the vast majority of daylight hours on a day of a weekend, and sometimes both days. Weekend public transportation services - both bus and train - are infrequent and, at this point in time, unreliable. A significant proportion of our club members travel from nearby cities. Our club sailing activities are often undertaken in inclement weather conditions when car parks in the vicinity of the club are underutilised. The existing arrangement has suited members of RPNYC well. This change, along with recent adjustments to public transport and long-term reductions in the number of car parks will only serve to discourage club members from attending our sailing events and not improve our situation in any manner or form. GWRC's justification of increasing the access to the city will only serve to decrease the length of stay of people in the city and not increase the quantity as the number of car parks remains limited.

No

208 - Sandy Munro: I am a keen sailor and am regularly required to park for the whole day on Saturday and Sundays outside the Royal Port Nicholson Sailing Club whilst unloading sailing equipment and provisions and whilst out sailing. Introducing parking fees in this part of the CBD at the weekend makes access to this important Wellington past-time and Sailing Club is completely unacceptable. Introducing parking fees anywhere in the CBD at the weekend will also limit many peoples access to and enjoyment of town and its businesses over the weekend. The progressive parking fees 'creep' along the Oriental Parade and the what used to be free parking needs to stop otherwise the heart and community feeling in the CBD and Oriental Parade area will be lost. This area of unlimited parking is essential for the sailors and sports enthusiasts involved in watersports in Wellington, and it will make what is an already expensive sport even harder for people to be able to afford to be involved with. Sailing equipment and provisions are not able to be carried on the bus or brought on the bike, we do need to drive and park there all day. Not everyone sailing is rich and this misconception is discrimination against people and businesses that are involved with what is a key sport and industry for Wellington.

No

209 - Tom Lee: The only reason I come in to town on the weekends to shop is because parking is free. If I have to pay for parking I will simply shop elsewhere that doesn't charge me, eg) Petone, Lyall Bay, Queensgate at Lower Hutt etc. After years of catching buses too, I know they cannot be relied on to be on time, convenient or fast (especially after the new changes, but that's a different story...) The claim is that shoppers rather than businesses should foot the bill for the 'Downtown fees' (or whatever they are called) that are charged, but the reality is that people will stop shopping in town. Why pay extra to do my weekend shopping when I don't have to? Free weekend parking is one of the best things about Wellington. Please do not get rid of it. For my sake and the local business' sake.

No

210 - Gavin Bird: If you want to attract people to the CBD on the weekends, and away from the malls of Porirua and Lower Hutt, need to keep the parking free. We would often drive in do some shopping, eat lunch then head off to the Bays or South coast and make a day of it. I even encourage family and friends (whom are often from out of town) to do the same thing Especially at the moment when the buses are unreliable.

No

213 - Craig Shearer: For many years the area outside of the yacht club has provided free car parking for members of Wellingtons sailing community. As an organised Sports club it seems important and within the spirit of encouraging participation in the sporting community to keep this area both free and with a time limit that allows for a longer race day. It seems unusual that if the YC were to apply for resource consent today, It would be a requirement that ample parking was available

No

214 - John Bunting: One of the few good things about parking in Wellington is the free weekend parking. For me it does encourage me to come into the city to shop or enjoy coffee etc.. Introducing parking costs will reduce the times I wish to travel into city as a result. I want to support local business but many current council initiatives seem to be further bashing our retailers and store owners.

No

215 - andrew taylor: i am a sailor and this will be an unfair cost on our sports people

Yes

217 - Alexander Garside: I agree that a non-zero charge for weekend use will be helpful to ensure spaces are free and the intangible costs of taking a car into the city would be more adequately priced. However, I would propose two amendments: Instead of \$2.50 an hour, \$2 an hour would divide better into half-hour increments and require only one coin. Also, perhaps the time-limit could extend to three hours, given the length of films and other weekend leisure. Anything that makes the transition easier to swallow will be appreciated, I suspect.

Yes

218 - Derek Burton: Disability permit holders to be excluded from weekend parking fees. It's crazy difficult to find disabled parking in the CBD on the weekend.

No

219 - Heather Baldwin: This will be another financial barrier to families coming to the CBD at the weekend, discourage shopping (I'll head for the free parking in Lower Hutt, Porirua and Kapiti Coast), and discouraging visiting to cafes, museums, the waterfront, art galleries and other cultural events in town.

No

220 - Leith Wallace: It just means that people will go to the suburbs or out to Petone. Also two hours is NOT long enough for a movie, lunch with friends, or a leisurely bit of shopping. Three hours is the minimum necessary to enjoy the central city and make a good contribution to the local economy.

No

221 - Andrew Hawke: While time limits are important in ensuring turnover of parks, free parking is a benefit for shoppers, walkers and businesses in ensuring the central city stays busy and vibrant and encouraging people to get out and about at the weekend. It would be much better to raise any funds necessary by increasing charges during the week, when demand is guaranteed anyway.

No

222 - Jane Finlayson: So far the bus I catch has been re routed out of the city centre, ie not Lampton quay, and the cost of parking has increased. On top of this there are very few parks for the times I actually have tried to go into the city. The car parks on the road are filled with construction vehicles, or parking buildings closed like Michael Fowler or taxis. Basically I am being forced to shop in the suburbs or online. The combination is killing Wellington. Adding parking in the weekend will mean I will never shop in the city, as that is currently the only time I come in at the moment.

No

223 - Robert Ryde: I believe this fee will be to the detriment of all those who would spend time in, on or around the Oriental Bay area and the inner city. For Oriental Bay in particular, it will impact the volunteers serving the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht club and those people who work in the service industries (Freyberg Pool and Cafe's) in that area. These people are often on a low pay scale or, in the case of volunteers, unpaid. It will also impact the Life Saving staff during the summer months. Oriental bay is a vibrant area of the city as it is and the introduction of a parking charge will mean people having to leave sooner than they would to avoid a large fee.

No

224 - Alexander Hockley: - Currently gas prices are incredibly expensive, and I do not feel that charging families more for transport (especially during a turbulent bus changeover) is a move we should be making - A lack of paid parking has been bought about from the loss of numerous parking buildings, such as the Readings carpark. This has reduced the number of parks available already, and I do not feel that we should be locking people out of the remaining ones on weekends. - Accessing the city on weekends should be made easier and not more difficult / expensive, in order to encourage people to use inner city businesses and services on weekends. - Reduced weekend public transport means that for many families in certain areas of the city, personal transport is the most practical way to get there. They should not be 'punished' for this.

No

225 - Claudia Pierce: It is unreasonable to expect marina users to pay hourly parking charges along oriental parade when we cannot anticipate how long we will be out on the water.

No

226 - John Walsh: What a bollocks proposal. One of the good things about living in Wellington is not having

to be ripped off for parking in the CBD at the weekends. I know you need to raise revenue but why take away a great piece of Goodwill Generation at the same time as a relatively small piece of Revenue Generation. Strongly opposed. Stupid. It's not about \$3.50 for an hour's parking - that doesn't hurt - it's about something free for citizens during the weekend. It is a nice gesture. Keep it. Otherwise - keep up your generally good work WCC.

No

227 - Lisa Hawthorne: It is so disappointing that you would consider charging for parking. We often go into the city for 2 hours for brunch, shopping and this would absolutely change our behaviour. This will be so damaging to the shops, and timing could not be worse as we go through the fiasco of the bus change nightmare which also wasn't thought through from a customer perspective.

No

228 - Katie Hakes: As a single female taking away the long term parking will mean I have to walk down unsafe and not frequently used streets at night to get to my car. How does the council feel putting women into potential danger? This will also cause significant detriment to all people using the pool, cycleway, yacht club and stand up paddle boarding. You may as well say we don't want anyone to use the waterfront for longer than five minutes. Find your money elsewhere don't go back on promises!!!!

No

229 - Kathryn Lusby-Gordon: I feel that introducing weekend parking fees would deter people from going into the CBD at the weekends, which would directly affect the business owners in the City. It would drive more people to the out of town shopping centres, and would almost certainly mean that some businesses in town would close due to loss of custom. The free parking is already limited to 2 hours, and I feel that to take this small concession away is mean-spirited and not community-minded.

No

230 - Gaeline Robinson: In my view the turnover for retail is already achieved with the 2 hour maximum car park time, what the proposal will do is kill retail business in the weekends. The option of a mall where parking is free will become more attractive. Especially so when bus travel is so unreliable

Yes

231 - Claire Cedretto: Less cars, more pedestrians in the cbd! Thanks

No

232 - Eleanor Ainsworth: A clear money grab from council. People will be less inclined to go into town. Especially those with kids. No need to have paid parks if the time limits will still apply. How can that possibly free up spaces?

No

233 - Bryan Wieblitz: Weekend shopping will be negatively impacted in the CBD, shoppers will avoid using weekend services when there are free alternatives out of town

No

235 - Ranfeng Situ: I do not support the new proposal. I believe the city council has generate enough income on parking fines during the weekdays.

No

236 - Rachel Steinbauer: You need to stop discouraging people from shopping in the city on the weekend!!! The shops have enough competition with online shopping. Stop spoiling everyone's fun!! The buses don't work and no one wants to lug bags of shopping on and off buses anyway. Just be kind to the residents of wellington and DROP THIS RIDICULOUS IDEA!!!! Use your collective brains to come up with something for the good of the city please.

No

237 - Melissa Evans-Scott: Fees don't stop people driving. It seems more like a money making scheme.

No

238 - Alice Dickson: I think it will stop people using the cbd and they will shop elsewhere. It's not like we have a good bus system to use!!!!

No

239 - Hayley Singleton: This will have a negative effect on retailers as this will encourage shopper to go else where and overall revenue will likely fall. I personally like the fact that we as a city can support our retailers now through free weekend parking with time limits. If implemented I will likely have to use our crap transport system which is not ideal.

No

240 - Samantha Crawshay: Free parking encourages people to CBD on the weekends. Public transport is not good enough to promote use for weekend from suburbs to CBD. Revenue raising exercise when taxes will still get raised.

No

241 - Kellie Malcolm: OMG WCC. No no no!!! You shouldn't even be talking about doing this while the new bus regime is a right shambles!!! I don't think you'll get much support at the moment for paid parking on weekends.

No

243 - Dana Mitchell: I think this unfairly disadvantages families who want to enjoy Wellington in the weekends and will discourage them from enjoying the waterfront and Te Papa etc as the fees would be unaffordable on top of all the other costs associated with family outings.

No

244 - Estelle Best: The availability of free parking in the city on the weekend is one of the good things about Wellington - makes it easy to bring the family into the city at a low cost, and the turnover of parking isn't prohibitive. Parking is ridiculously expensive as it is, and we all already pay road user fees and city rates.

No

245 - Sharon Nicholls: I currently visit the CBD most weekends and one of the best things is being able to park for free, enabling me and my daughter to enjoy facilities such as the public library and other events put on without incurring the additional cost of paying for parking. I would also have to seriously consider the affordability of my daughter attending French classes if I also had to pay for parking at this time. I feel that shops in the CBD would suffer a decline in the number of weekend shoppers if parking fees were introduced as more people would turn to shopping at malls with free parking. I would be very disappointed to see this proposal go ahead

No

246 - Stevie Hancox-Monk: Cost-free parking during the weekends provides the community with a greater level of access to the city. Time limitations are ticketed when not adhered to, so the point that applying rates will increase turnover for parks is moot. Would the people who purchase a day pass be required to move their car every two hours, or will they be allowed to block one park for an entire day if they wish? If the former, that seems highly inconvenient for a day pass purchase; if the latter, this would do nothing to improve parking turnover but would, in fact, do the opposite and substantially contribute to inner-city congestion. For people on lower incomes, not being obligated to pay per hour for time spent in the inner city means that the city can be accessed in low-cost ways, particularly if you live in the surrounding suburbs, and especially when you consider the cost of a bus ride. As a city, we thrive on community, accessibility, and acceptance; the current parking cost system works with, not against, this.

No

247 - Anastasia George: It will discourage myself and others from going into the city during the weekend. We also go to church in the city, where there is limited parking anyway. To have to pay for this would be abhorrent and would discourage many from attending because of this.

No

249 - Kevin Franklin: Don't agree with this, I would stop driving into Wellington to go shopping. May as well shop online and pay postage instead, at least I would only be paying for postage when I actually buy something. Whereas I could pay \$5 to park in Wellington and end up not getting anything. Will have to stick to Petone, Queensgate Mall, Porirua and the outlet mall in Tawa instead

No

250 - Katherine Priddle: Fees at the weekend will discourage people from shopping in the city. Retailers lose business to the North City and Westfield shopping malls already and with online shopping even more

people will spend their money elsewhere. Keep weekend parking free and keep encouraging people to come into our city and enjoy their experience.

No

251 - Richard Neill: Living out of central wellington, I would almost certainly chose to avoid shopping, eating and visiting the city on weekends if parking charges were introduced. Especially with a young family there are no suitable alternatives to driving and parking - and I suspect making this change would negatively impact on central city businesses and eateries. My custom would certainly go elsewhere, such as suburban centres with free parking, more often than not.

No

252 - Trish Amos: I do not support the proposal to introduce weekend parking fees. I believe weekend parking fees will seriously reduce the number of people going to down town wellington in favour of other shopping locations namely Porirua, Petone and Lower Hutt where the parking is free. The vibe and life of Wellington city will be seriously affected. I strongly oppose the suggested introduction of the all day Parking coupon for weekends. This will encourage workers to take carparks and reduce the overall number of parks available for shoppers to use. The current system of 2 hour limited parking works well and parking charges have already been increased during the week days to gather more revenue.

No

253 - Marilyn Wong: Introducing this would mean that my family would go to other locations to shop/dine instead of shopping/dining in the CBD. Plenty of other options in the region that offers free parking and it is my opinion that introducing this will reduce the amount of people wanting to access the city.

No

254 - Rachel Macdonald: This is ridiculous. Parking on the weekend is not a problem at all and there is no need to change the current system

No

255 - Rebecca Bangma: This would stop me traveling into the city. I would much rather go to the Hutt valley or Porirua malls where there is free parking. We would only go to shops where parking is provided e.g Moore Wilson's or citta. We would stop going to eateries and shops in the city centre too, rather going to surburbs where parking is free. There is already two hour time limit, there doesn't need to be paid on the weekend. Cafes and shops will suffer. We wouldn't visit city playgrounds/ oriental bay with our family either if parking is paid. Such a shame as we love wellington city and water front, it would stop us enjoying the free things in the city or attending places like Te papa. They've already taken out heaps of car parks at the MFC, when the could have put the RNZB at Newtown facility. I really hope this doesn't move forward but feel it's going to as it's a money maker for the council.

No

256 - Kellee Teal: I attend ARISE Church which is one of your biggest hirers with Wellington Venues. There aren't enough parking buildings anyway in the CBD for us to be able to subsidise church members parking so they can attend a service. By making street parking cost we are penalising people on low incomes from being able to attend our church services. This will have a great impact on our congregation. I am very much against these charges. Not only that but it will affect shopkeepers as people just won't bother going into the CBD anymore.

No

258 - Tessa Christmas: Like many others customers, I personally will go elsewhere where it's free to park which means the businesses that you are trying to help will lose out. I think giving as much access, as cheaply as possible to the centre of Wellington will help a wide range of businesses, museums, events etc thrive.

No

259 - Nicki Clark: I love having 2 days where you do not have to be stressed and race back to your car in case your parking is up. No no no! Yes it is busy... but i can always find a park

No

260 - Sunny Lee: I understand the logic behind why this is in place however, as someone who works in retail in the CBD in the weekends and seeing the general movement and activities of customers, I can't say this is a good idea. This is going to make people more picky about how they spend their time in town. And this would probably attract more people to use parking buildings if they wanted to stay longer, and this will not be

beneficial for a lot of businesses and organisations that rely on the availability of these parking buildings in the weekends e.g. when there are events on. Also, I, like many weekend employees, rely on the free weekend coupon parking spaces to park my car while I'm working (of course more than 2 hours) and if retailers who are trying to save money start taking these places then this will make it very difficult for me to get to everywhere I need to before and after work. Noting also that a lot of these employees, including myself, are on minimum wage and very much rely on these free spaces. Also people who have actually paid for a monthly or weekly coupon parking space may not be able to park either. All in all, enforcing more costs for people coming into town is a bad idea. The Cons outweigh the pros of this big time. Thank you for your consideration. P.S. Surely it's enough that people who don't honor the 2 hour parking limit get a fine.

No

262 - Kelley Oliver: This is such a shame - the one thing that draws me into the city is the free weekend parking - the retailers in Lambton Quay have had such a hard time post earthquake and just as they head towards their busy time you guys think it's a great idea to whack on charges. Disgraceful- you should be supportive of cbd retailers - not making things harder.

No

263 - Anita Murrell: Travelling in to the CBD by public transport is too expensive for an entire family, so we drive in on the weekends. If parking charges were introduced as proposed, we would simply avoid the CBD and do our shopping and activities elsewhere.

No

264 - Laura Kersicla: We already have a 2hr limit on parking on weekends. This would further deter me from coming into the city for brunch or lunch and shopping.

No

265 - Simon Korb: The charging of parking fees over weekends would discourage me to visit the city centre over weekends (which I currently do). I am sure there are many others who feel like me on this subject, which could sorrel much less support for businesses in the city.

No

266 - Kirsty McIntosh: This will be a barrier to coming into Wellington on the weekend to shop and have a meal.

No

267 - Jun Yamog: This will kill the city. I personally will not go to the city myself anymore. I will do shopping and eating at the Hutt.

No

268 - Natalie Darkins: The free weekend parking was introduced to stimulate shopping in the centre city in the weekend and support retailers. This was a Great Idea. I still think this is needed. Alternatively, you will need to get the GWRC to sort out the bus transport system so it actually works for customers. Taking away free weekend parking is a very bad idea especially in the main retail centre.

No

269 - Emma Cripps: I remember when you bought in time limits on Sunday's and the 2 hours restricted me a little as I usually needed a park for 2 1/2 hours. I live and work in Upper Hutt, but I love to come into Wellington on the weekends. I catch up with friends for dinner, go to the movies, go shopping. I also go to church in Wellington. If a parking fee came in I wouldn't come into wellington anymore. I would rather go to Queensgate or North City where parking is free. I would go to Petone, Lower Hutt and other places for dinner where parking is free. Also the movies are more expensive in Upper Hutt however if there were parking fees, I might as well stay in Upper Hutt and support my local. It would be cheaper for me. If you are wanting people to support your Wellington City shops, restaurants and activities, I think it would be an unwise decision to charge weekend fees.

Yes

270 - Dan Main: I do agree with this as parking in wellington CBD is a nightmare especially on weekends. I think it should however be kept to the inner cbd areas from lambton through to Courtney place, and should only apply from 10am to 3pm. I don't think there is any congestion issues outside of these areas and making this paid parking is purely a money making exercise. I am a rates payer and know that my rates go towards making this city a better place for all of its occupants so if that means a rate increase then we can all live with

that.

No

271 - Tracy Wellington: If you start charging for parking on the weekends I will not go into town. I would rather you put up my rates and allow everyone on the weekend free parking. To park in town in the week is horrendous

No

272 - Melinda Te Whiati: I will not be coming into town if I have to pay for parking on the weekends. I will choose malls and eateries in the suburbs where parking is free. I have no doubt that this will see many many people stay away from town which will have an impact in foot traffic, businesses, and the general city vibe which is currently so great in Wellington city on the weekends. Strongly oppose this decision

No

274 - Josh Wood: That is stupid, I will simply never visit the CBD and spend money like I do most weekends. Paid parking is a barrier to shopping and leads to a lower turnover for business. There is plenty of parking already on the weekend if you look outside the busiest streets.

No

275 - Susie Pierce: Wellington already has a terrible reputation for it lack of affordable parking and over charging. Oriental parade at the weekends is for all leisure activities for families and friends to enjoy, whatever their recreation may be. I believe it should remain free and unlimited for all. No time restrictions and ability to unload, prams, bikes, kayaks, boats, or whatever they want. CBD stands for Central Business District. Oriental Parade is not that! I personally would like to see a speed restriction on cyclists in the area. This is much more of an issue I have observed. Do not drive families further out of town, as Wellingtons compact and accessible layout is one of its greatest strengths. Whether you are young and beautiful and want to lay on the beach all day or old and disabled and want to read a book on a bench and watch the world go by. Wether you want to go dragon boating, fishing, swimming or sailing all day or teach your kid to ride a bike.....no time restrictions or cost should come into it. Stop wasting tax payer dollars on changes for changes sake. Look at what the real issues are, clean up Courtney place, rather than putting pressure on families who just want to enjoy our city on their day off. Warm regards Susie

No

276 - Michael Brown: I think that free weekend parking in the Wellington CBD is one of the hallmarks of Wellington City. I believe this makes life easier for those who live in suburbs outside of the CBD to have fun with family and friends; giving them the opportunity to spend time and money in the entertainment and shopping facilities in the city. I personally park in the Wellington CBD on Saturday and Sundays and I would find these changes a deterrent.

No

277 - Cheryl Cowie: I believe that paid parking on the weekend will hugely impact on families as well as people attending places of worship.

No

278 - Giulia Giunti: I live in the eastern suburbs and, with the recent changes in the public transport system, which have severely reduced the public transport on week ends, I would have no choice but driving to the CBD. Therefore, I'd support the introduction of the parking fees if that money is used to finance and upgrade of the current public transport system. It does not seem fair it is used to save money to local businesses which, in my opinion, already recover this money with their charges.

No

279 - Anthony Kersicla: This not a good move, especially for business meet ups etc..I will likely not go into town to eat or liaise with clients. instead outside where parking is not an issue.. Therefore leading to less parking revenue. And it won't be just me thinking this.. also I see this as just blatant money revenue.. Lining someone else's pocket here.. I mean cmon, all of a sudden we don't have money to do up around town?? Really - that's what we pay taxes for, registration for... huh cmon guys. Let's get real here. I suppose the greedy only get greedier right.

No

280 - Jon Barnes: Hello, I am a member of ARISE Church & regularly use city car parking on a Sunday. Myself & many members of our Church (2000 people) over a Sunday, would regularly use the city car parks on

the weekend. Due to the severe lack of parking facilities across the city, parks on the street are now so important. I feel this extra charge would deter many people from coming to the city at all. Picture this; solo parent with 3 kids now having to pay for parking on coming in to the city. The logistics of this can be challenging enough, without the added expense. I expect this change would be enough to prevent people coming in at all hence losing revenue & business for the City. This would definitely have a negative impact for those that love to come to ARISE (and other Churches around our City) on the weekends. As a result of these factors I strongly advocate for the parking to remain free over the weekend. Thanks for your time. Jon Barnes

No

281 - Teuntje Cross: This could possibly be the death knell of a vibrant inner city on a weekend. People do have a choice and I am sure will choose the suburbs to shop where there is already a wider range of shops available and FREE parking. Also there is a growing range of great cafes in the suburbs, often seaside with great views which will now be even more appealing if people have to pay for parking in the City. I consider this a very short sighted move on behalf of the City Council. Yes the parking, in reality, may not actually cost much but it provides a mental barrier that needs to be crossed

No

282 - Tania Watson: Please do not charge for parking on Sunday. Wellington is a beautiful city, the residents and local people have to be able to drive into the city, park and have a fun and exciting day in the CBD. Our local people who live in this city are the voice and promotion for Wellington. They need to speak out great things about Wellington! There isn't enough parking as it is in Wellington. Our church - ARISE church has 1800-2000 people that come to the Wellington CBD every Sunday. After church, we eat and shop and put money back into the city. Please don't charge for parking! Not one of your best ideas team!

No

283 - Jonathan Bayot: Wellington CBD is not the most attractive weekend destination. Shops, Restaurants, etc. are not the most lively places during weekends as it is. Introducing weekend parking will kill businesses which might just decide to close on weekends. If anything, more spaces should be available for free parking during weekends to make the CBD more attractive. The council should be more observant and grounded so as to understand the need of their constituents.

No

285 - Ben Willis: This is revenue raising at its finest. I can understand paid parking during the week but weekends are not that busy to warrant paid parking. I live approx. 40 minutes away from Wellington City and for those of us who live here, we make a da trip out of coming to Wellington on the weekends because we simply cannot afford parking during the week. Please do not do this. Please see us a people, not wallets to be emptied!

No

286 - Annaliese Booth: This is not a good proposal. It will discourage people from entering the city and engaging in weekend activities

No

287 - Josh Bedoukian: Anyone visiting the CBD over the weekend loves the fact that parking is free. Paid parking will significantly reduce the quality of experience for anyone enjoying the CBD on a weekend. As an ex-Sydney resident and recent settler in Wellington, I LOVE that we don't pay for parking on weekends. In Sydney parking is expensive and reduces the quality of lifestyle for all concerned.

No

288 - Amanda Pfister: It will bring less people into town - keep it free

No

290 - Chelina Roberts: A lot of our congregation park in the cbd on Sunday, then shop around Wellington or have group lunches in Wellington. If parking is not free, this would be a huge discouragement for them to come to the city, they would then go to the Hutt service, spend their money on lunch in Hutt eateries and shop at queensgate. There are around 1,000 members of Arise church in Wellington. It would be damaging both to our city church service and the hospitality of Wellington CBD

No

291 - Nadine Rosson: Parking fees should stay only between monday-friday

No

292 - Louise Bray-Burns: Wellington is a vibrant city and the mix of people entering the city during the weekend contributes to this. Introducing parking fees will deter people coming in. This has been a real gift to us as a city. It would be a backwards step.

No

293 - Petra Simms: I don't want to pay I prefer the 2 hrs free.

No, No

294 - N Z: Increasing the fees? No. However, if you want to increase the number of coupon parking spots available for use by the general public, I am all for that.

No, No

294 - N Z: No no no no no! The availability of free parking is a major draw for us to head downtown on the weekend. Making the parking paid would absolutely deter us from heading to the farmer's market, Te Papa, brunch, etc. Come on, the parking really isn't that bad during the weekends, and you can always find a spot after a bit of searching. It's much worse during the week. How about you get the two parking garages in working order that are still out of action from the Nov quake?

No

295 - Yvette Elliston: Love being able to go into the city on weekends and having free parking. Makes me come in to Wellington more often and bring visitors in.

Yes

296 - Gay Ballance: FREE PARKING IN WELLINGTON SHOULD **NOT** BE HAPPENING

Lack of parking in Central Wellington is becoming an increasing problem.

Weekends and evenings for families coming to the city to go to the Theatre or a restaurant is becoming a nightmare parking.

It appears that a lot of local motorists are "hogging" free parks.

The parking issue is not helped by apartment owners with no carpark using park overnight. This is particularly bad from 6pm-8am.

It is not good for Wellington businesses and is unacceptable to those of us that purchased a carpark at great cost and which we pay rates for.

The charge for car parking should be extended to 10pm and should be closely monitored. This should help alleviate the problem of the freeloading.

Yes

297 - Nathan Rose: I fully support the introduction of weekend parking fees. We need to encourage people to not bring their cars with them when they visit the cbd which needs to be more people friendly.

I support increasing carpark charges seven days a week and the re-prioritisation of on-street parking to wider footpaths, cycleways and buslanes.

I also think we need to make the city more walkable, more pedestrian crossing time at Whitmore St and to access the waterfront for example.

No

299 - Helena Cotter: Imposing parking along Oriental Bay etc over the weekend is a terrible idea. This will impact city businesses and put people off from travelling into the weekend.

No

300 - Shonag Laird: Wellington has a fantastic culture where locals support local businesses. Introducing weekend parking fees will disrupt this and put people off coming into the city.

No

301 - Hannah Frost: Absolutely do not agree with the proposal to introduce parking fees in the CBD on the weekends. We want a vibrant Wellington city centre where families can wander and enjoy the city. If fees are introduced, people will stick to the suburbs and wine and dine elsewhere.

Yes

302 - James Burgess: I agree with the proposal overall, and hope it will lead to better availability of parks. I'm not sure about the all-day trade coupon - I can think of many CBD places where a vehicle parked all day would be a nuisance for nearby businesses, shoppers, and others. Hopefully some central streets would not be available for all-day coupon parking and the supply of coupons would be restricted to those who really need it - vehicles carrying out many deliveries around town, for example - rather people driving to their businesses and parking for the full opening hours.

No

303 - Morgan Riding: Parking is horrendous as it is in Wellington. We live up the coast and work in town it is already expensive to travel into Wellington inclusive of train costs. You are limiting the drive to come to Wellington on a weekend, i.e. the want to go visit the likes of Te Papa with children or go to the beach on a Saturday or the want to travel in to watch the Rugby. I don't see how this is necessary, unless you improve other means of getting in and out of Wellington by making transport cheaper, this is not justified. How does the council plan to enforce this? this is the definition of daylight robbery.

Yes

304 - Alex Gough: I drive in sometimes and would like it to be easier to find a park.

No

305 - Lynn Vlaar: This will further add to the already troubled high street. Will have a negative effect overall on economy.

No

306 - Dan Palazzetti: I strongly oppose weekend parking fees. This will kill the weekend retail businesses in the CBD. Not a good idea at all.

No

307 - Debbie Stowe-Hunt: We pay huge parking costs during the week (117.50pw) as taking public transport to drop our children off at daycare before going to our work adds 1 hour onto our commute. Adding weekend parking on would likely see us boycott the downtown area (and taking the kids for bikes along the waterfront etc) in favour of free parking (new Porirua walkway, Plimmerton, Eastbourne, Petone etc). We pay enough through rates and weekday parking, we should be able to go to town for free on the weekends.

No

308 - Bronwyn Grant: As a Kapiti resident, I pay huge regional rates for things in Wellington that I don't get to use and enjoy now, including galleries and museums etc. Weekend parking fees will mean I will not come to do anything social in Wellington, especially shopping in central Wellington, on the weekends. This proposal would be punitive for all suburban residents especially the elderly and those living off the main bus routes. It will be detrimental to wellbeing as well as the economy. If you go ahead with this I'll lobby to demand changes to the regional rating system because you will be manufacturing a financial barrier to inclusion and equity of access to facilities I'm required to contribute to. I also note that starting weekend parking fees on the street will drive up parking building weekend rates. So it's not helpful.

No

309 - Marie-Christine Hardy: I am a very casual parking user, I quite often walk to town. However, I do sometimes use my car for a quick stop in town, mostly when the weather is not great, and absolutely love and appreciate the fact that car parking is free on the weekend. I think there needs to be more ways of attracting people into town on the weekends and free parking is such a good way. We cannot get rid of this privilege. I am sure most business would agree that without free parking, they would lose clients. Also, when we go to the Sunday markets, it is amazing to be able to park close by for free and be able to carry our bags back to the car. I think this would be very sad if we had to pay for carparks for being in town for an hour or two. It would discourage me from going to town altogether and I would prefer going to Lyall Bay or Petone for my shopping.

No

310 - Glen Mudgway: I am opposed to charging for weekend parking as it will deter people from spending

their money in Wellington. There are many options with free parking in the region and many will use those options. There are more pressing issues at the moment including the new bus fiasco.

No

311 - Lucy Johnston: This is a bad idea and would do nothing to improve the current negative publicity the council is receiving around the shambolic bus changes.

No

312 - Mee Moi Edgar: There are already time limits on weekend parking to encourage turnover. The proposed fees seem to be expensive per hour and will discourage those who have an option to shop outside of the city. Give us a viable alternative e.g. free city bus shuttle instead of paying high parking fees.

No

313 - Nigel Parry: This is outright clumsy revenue collecting. Don't try and dress it up as anything else. All of the issues you raise that you pretend can be solved by charging for weekend parking, can actually be solved by something else (for example, 2 hours maximum parking areas). We have a beautiful city, let's welcome people to it rather than deter them with unpleasant parking charges, which would just reduce the number of people visiting. The 'services' you speak of are already paid for by rates from businesses that benefit from visitors. Charging or parking would be at best revenue neutral and result in significant loss of amenity value. Don't be so nasty.

No

314 - Jesse Stephenson: I don't have an issue with the parking fees but the parking time limits should be removed. Many people come into town to do shopping and for activities and these are impacted by current parking time limits

No

315 - Mark Chambers: People enjoy Wellington in the weekend for shopping and retail. Not to spend additional money to do so. If this becomes the case, more people will end up shopping online and wellington retail will become redundant

No

316 - Sarah King: This increase will effect a couple thousand people who attend churches on a Sunday and their churches don't have parking spaces. Low income families that want to go into town for a family outing, won't be able to afford parking. Same for single mothers.

No

317 - Emma Donnelly: I do not belief introducing weekend parking fees in the way proposed will increase turnover. Has there been any data collected to support this hypothesis? Maybe a short free parking period (eg 30 minutes free) and introducing fees for longer periods would help with turnover - it would be good to see evidence based options before making changes.

No

318 - Dave Marshall: This is not the Wellington we want to be known for. We want to encourage shoppers and people into the city on the weekend.

No

319 - Tim Kendrew: Weekend parking fees will be detrimental

No

320 - Debbie Barber: Free weekend parking enables people to enjoy all the city has to offer and is important for a vibrant retail centre. Why would you do something that discourages weekend visitors? The fees proposed are outrageously high when compared with other cities too.

No

321 - David Cross: This will stop our family from travelling into the city. Our parents live in the city and would make it totally unaffordable for us to visit them. We will also no longer take our children to oriental parade in the summer.

No

322 - Igor Albornett: This will kill commerce, culture, tourism and urban life. Are you ready to take the hit (financially)? Do you think that potential new parking 'revenue' will outweigh the social impact? Really? There

is no traffic, environmental, or security argument against free parking on Weekends. It's an economist/planner's wet dream non-sense.

No

323 - Marcus Bokkerink: The idea of free parking on weekends not only encourages shopping within the CBD which results in taxes paying for those spaces but it also encourages a vibrant city allowing meetings and gatherings to take place that may not have if someone had to pay for parking. This proposal is the council double dipping into increases and charging their public to do so. Keep CBD parking free

No

324 - Robb Morison: Nothing will keep rates rises to a minimum, council's across NZ cannot live with in their means. In the short term I fully expect this if introduced to turn the CBD on weekends into a ghost town. Porirua, Petone and Lower Hutt will be the big winners.

No

325 - Ankit Bansal: Absolutely not. Cut down unnecessary spending rather than introducing parking fees. So your argument is you're doing it to keep rates down. Have you thought about implications on already struggling CBD retailers?? In my personal opinion, this is absolute misuse of power.

Yes

326 - Alex Dyer: I very much support removing weekend free car parking subsidies. Not charging motorists for parking on weekends distorts travel behaviours and choices. 'Free' car parking encourages people to travel by car. Our family spent the day in town last weekend traveling on public transport. We went from our home in Island bay in to town and then went on the fabulous(ly overpriced) cable car up to the Botanic Gardens. I know the regional council controls public transport, but this was not at all an inexpensive choice. It would have seemed much cheaper to take our car because in your private car you do not face as many point-of-use costs. Driving /feels/ a lot less expensive. I hope there may be some way that the city council can collaborate with the GWRC to reduce public transport charges on weekends, as charges for car parking are brought in. Perhaps the money raised could best be used to better subsidise more public transport use, and people riding bikes, and so attract people in to the less car clogged central city on weekends. Would it be too much to ask GWRC to just trial running public transport for free on Saturday nights for a month for instance? It would be great to see a lively, people friendly inner city on weekends without using dangerous, dirty, expensive, elitist, inequitable, noisy, resource-depleting, local-economy-weakening, climate-change-causing, obesigenic, unhealthy, sprawl-creating, congestion-forming, raging-driver-inducing, public-space-degrading, cyclist-and-pedestrian-injuring, air-polluting, people-killing, space-greedy, divisive, community-splitting, street-life-destroying, human-scale-city-breaking, motoring-fantastical, excessive, wasteful, unsustainable, and inhuman cars.

No

328 - Beckie Calder-Flynn: One of the greatest things Wellington has to offer (above our coffee, Cuba street, craft beer and waterfront) is that unlike Auckland, we have free parking on the weekends. It means we can explore more of the city in our own time, and takes the pressure of people who have to work weekends. Changing to paid weekend parking makes the WCC look greedy, and would not be acting in the spirit of goodwill and the famous Wellington charm. I will be incredibly disappointed if the decision is made to bring in parking in the weekends, and will lose respect for a council I think has been great so far.

No

329 - Stefan Meszaros: I go to Wellington city in the weekends. Having this parking fee will mean that I would want to choose other places. Where I'm not charged. This will have a negative impact on businesses. They're is a 2 hour limit in the weekend. There away is a lot of money spent on cycle ways and arts. If money needs to be found reduce that funding not something that benefits many people. When people were being elected to represent us in the elections I don't recall anyway saying they are campaigning to charge for parking in the weekends. It is very deceiving to spring it on people now since it was mentioned before.

No

330 - Matt Kellett: What a joke...

No

331 - Elliot Travers: Wasn't the same reasoning described when changing the free parking durations in the cbd over the weekend interns of car park turnover? I feel this is working. Do you have any information on how that change worked out? Why not reduce the free time further. 1hr free rather than 2? I also think the proposed

discounted rates for the weekend could be cheaper if you were wanting to charge.

No

332 - Nese Pio: To whom it may concern, This proposal is totally unnecessary, Wellington people have already been blindsided by the bus services and changes. And this is not going well, and it's not surprising that you want to charge for weekend parking. From my eyes the bus service disaster was a set up to make people drive into the city so you can charge them parking. The cost of living in the city is high and residents in the Kelburn to Karori area are already paying for parking. I know because I have lived in Kelburn. Which is why I moved out of the city. Majority of the people work and do everything in the city. Parking fees will add more stress to these families. Please dont destroy everything we love about Wellington. Please dont be like Auckland! We are a unique city with a stress free lifestyle. I want you (90k-100k salary) to put yourself in our shoes (30k-50k salary) and feel the stress we are already under. Help us, money we can always make but peoples lives matters the most. Kind Regards, Proud Wellingtonian

No

333 - Dan Meszaros: The problem you need to solve isn't weekend traffic. The weekend traffic is fine - I often go to the city and stoked that parking is free. I'll be less likely to go into the city if you charge. Think of more creative ideas to stop traffic - make long term fixes not short term fixes!

No

335 - nick crowe: I swim at 7.30am every sat, which means i will get a parking ticket every time i come out of the ocean. Same with every other tri athlete , cyclist and runner. You want an active city, but are making harder and hard to drive in and enjoy it. 2/3 of us live in the hills, we need to drive in, and your stopping us. It will kill the city, no more popping in walking around, grabbing a bit to eat. Control your spending, don't make us pay more for your miss spending.

No

336 - Riley Wilson: Silly idea, will kill the city in weekenda

No

337 - Maggie Freeman: It's going to kill the retailers. They already struggle with online shopping and the Malls which offer FREE parking. With the present free parking you are still restricted to 2 hours parking only so how do parking fees free up parks!

No

338 - Anne de Ferron: I am neutral in regards of introducing weekend parking fees in the CBD, however I oppose the timing (proposed introduction in September). I suggest the introduction be delayed until the new bus provider is able to provide a reliable service. At the moment, options to get to town are mainly public transport or private vehicles. Especially for people with reduced mobility, who may not be able to cycle or walk. I think it is unfair on the public to see both their bus and parking fees increase within a couple of months - while the bus option is clearly not reliable. You are introducing a disincentive to use private vehicles without providing a reliable alternative. What's the point of avoiding parking fees by catching the bus if you're not actually sure the bus will actually show up? There was a trial of introducing \$1 bus ride on weekends - where did that go? That could also be an alternative way to solve parking space in CBD by encouraging people to take public transports. I would also appreciate further information to be made public as to how you came up with these weekend fees, and what impacts it will have on businesses rates. Finally, your facebook post announcing that you are proposing to 'introduce discounted weekend parking fees' is really taking the public for idiots. You are introducing new fees on parking that is currently free. Whatever the fee is that's an increase. Not a discount.

No

339 - Tim Noble: I am a regular user of these parks during the weekend, for recreation based activities. The introduction of parking fees at this time will restrict the use of these parks for all users having a negative effect on Wellington residents' use of the water front areas. There are limited times and areas where parking becomes congested during the weekends, and a blanket parking fee will do little to relieve this but will have a large effect on the use of these areas for recreational and family activities. As a city council who prides itself on promoting a healthy and active life style I feel that this action will be a move directly against those values.

No

340 - Sarah Neill: Putting weekend parking fees in place will cause people to choose to go to more local

areas for shopping and food choices. It would completely deter me and a lot of people we know from going into the city - therefore it will significantly hurt the revenue of the businesses in the city, and therefore kill the city vibe. Don't do it WCC. It is not a good idea!

No

341 - Tracey Higgins: Please relook at what you are spending money on and remember why no parking fees on weekends were introduced. We don't need a whole lot of things you spend money on, rainbow crossings are pretty as are the mini gardens and street blocking gardens but really none of these are necessary. Please go back and look at your nice to haves and get rid of them to save money. People don't go to town on the weekends this is why free parking was introduced. The shops in town are rented at a premium do not take away the people who spend money there by introducing parking fees!

No

342 - Helen Carrington: I believe the proposed parking charges will discourage people from entering the city at weekends. A lot of people have already had their bus services cut particularly those weekend services, and now the Council is asking people to pay for parking which may now be the only option for some people to get to the city. Most areas covered already have time limits, usually 2 hours, to the free parking so I do not agree that charging will increase turnover of parking spaces. Please leave parking as it is - free for 2 hours - to encourage people to still keep coming to the city at weekends

No

343 - julian Farquhar: No, I think it is hefty negative to all who live here. For a very small city in a very small country, the parking charges here are more expensive than many European cities. There are also very few car parking spaces available for the driving population. The private car parking spaces are chiefly owned by 'Australian' company Wilsons which I imagine takes 90% of its profits offshore. Ridiculous for a tiny country with a tiny population to let this happen. (This is where the revenue stream will be for council and the people of Wellington) The prices are equivalent to that of New York City. Actually, this is embarrassing for such an openly 'honest' country like New Zealand. The bus service in catastrophic proportions for this tiny city village is also expensive and badly run. So people choose the environmentally less sustainable option of using a car. The weekends are the busiest times when people shop and patronise the cafes and retail businesses. The levying of a fee is another nail in the coffin to retail in all its forms and the downtime for Wellingtonians. There needs to be a balance in the city between supporting shoppers and businesses and parking prices. This weekend charge will not benefit Wellington in any way except for filling council coffers (See alternative re: Wilsons syphoning money out of the country) Get the buses working better and cheaper then balance out by charging more for parking. But increasing prices on both will cause a mutiny. Incredibly short-sighted.

No

344 - Daniel McGaughran: I do not believe there are valid grounds for introducing a parking charge on weekends. Firstly, the turnover of parking spaces is enforced by (often inadequate) time limits, so the introduction of a parking charge simply represents a cash grab. Secondly, when I have weekend errands and/or appointments in the CBD, very few businesses provide dedicated customer parking, making the street parking a necessity (if one is to avoid exorbitant parking fees charged by private companies such as Wilson). Adding a charge for street parking creates a significant disadvantage when travelling into the central city, which therefore creates a deterrent to coming into the central city in the first place. Public transport is often infeasible due to: 1. The reduced level of service in the weekends and long periods of waiting - especially if attending events in the evening; 2. The lack of any services that can quickly get me into town by 4:45am on a Sunday to help set up for church (which doesn't have its own dedicated parking); 3. The added cost that doesn't provide a clear incentive to take public transport instead of the proposed parking charges. I believe these disincentives affecting many others besides myself leads to the significant traffic congestion that I have observed travelling to & from the eastern suburbs, presumably much of it being the Lyall Bay retail centre near the airport. I believe that much of the contention within the CBD is caused by a significant lack of affordable parking, especially given that parking buildings decommissioned since the 2016 earthquake (particularly James Smiths & Courtenay Central) have not been replaced with stronger buildings providing at least the same capacity. Furthermore, I believe that transferring the cost of the Downtown Levy to street parking would be moot if the affected businesses receive less revenue as a result of customers taking their business elsewhere.

No

345 - Sarah Rosen: The weekend free parking draws our family into CBD over the weekend. Having to pay for parking on the weekend to go to a cafe, park or shop will deter us from going. Parking rates during the week are costly as is, all parking garages are costly and now the free parking will no longer be free? If

anything, it will have a huge effect on business, markets and people spending money in the city.

No

346 - Scott McLeod: With the introduction of weekend parking I will not shop in the city and will take my business to the Hutt or Porirua city. I don't understand the need to paid parking.

No

347 - Kendra Edwards: I consistently find the methods of payment at Wellington parking areas difficult to use. Often the methods offered either don't work or are out of order which is frustrating. I also object to extra fees for any card payment as it seems very high for such a small payment. Until payment methods are easy to use and consistent, I think it would be silly to impose weekend charges for parking.

No

348 - Katy To'o: Living in Wellington for the last 22 years, driving in during the weekend has been a part of my family time and get together with friends for brunch, church services and shopping for that length of time. Charging for that time will then deter people from going into town and spending at these businesses, so rather than adding to the economy, it will deter from it.

No

349 - Mirjam Morris: I personally disagree with introducing weekend parking fees in the CBD. I even disagree with the two hour time limit that is on most parking spaces. When you want to attend something in town that is going to take longer than 2 hours there is very little option of where to leave your car, without incurring a hefty parking building fee. Introducing parking fees will make the CBD even less attractive than it already is. We don't want a deserted CBD on weekends. And for someone like myself who uses the parks on Oriental Bay for open water swimming and subsequent bike/run workouts, having to pay for parking every weekend while I do my training would be very alienating. Therefore I strongly disagree with the proposal.

No

350 - Marion Rosner: Of course I don't agree with the proposal. Who in their right mind would want Wellington to become a ghost town at the weekends? We love coming in to the city at the weekend, but are very likely to no longer continue doing this if the WCC continues with this money-grabbing exercise.

Yes

353 - Sam Goddard: Great idea. It will increase turnover of parks in the city and encourage public transport patronage.

No

354 - Sunita Singh: I do not support this proposal and feel that this is a terrible idea and should not go ahead for the following reasons: - The public transportation system in my neighborhood over the weekends is abysmal and therefore I prefer to take my car into the cbd so I know I won't be stranded. - Wellington already has one of the highest parking rates in the country so having free parking in the weekend is always a welcomed relief to offset the amount of money I normally spend on parking on weekdays - people will start moving away from the cbd i.e. going to lunch and doing their shopping outside the cbd which is detrimental to cbd based businesses - the current free parking but 2-hour max limit is restrictive as it is so this is just another unwanted and unnecessary layer - the new parking sensor systems must surely be generating more revenue which makes charging for parking over the weekend unnecessary i.e. the sensor resets if you move your car so you cannot take your paid time with you nor can someone else who takes your spot take over that leftover time from you.

No

355 - Iopu Vaasili: Hell No!!! Bloody every parking is bloody expensive- you clowns got it easy with your free parking- people want to enjoy the weekend- less stress with free parking!

No

356 - Caroline Ward: It creates a cost barrier to low income people/families visiting the city to use facilities such as the public library, vege markets, water front public areas, galleries and museums. It is not practical for everyone to use public transport to access the city on weekends, those with young children, mobility requirements, large families etc. WCC already makes a large amount of income from their metered parking during weekdays, give us a break!

No

357 - Swithin Foote: Paid parking in the city at weekends will discourage people from coming into the city and drive them to the suburban shopping malls. I believe it's a money making exercise that does not benefit the rate payer.

No

359 - Jessi Morgan: I don't agree with introducing weekend parking for different reasons depending on area. People go to and park in Oriental Bay to enjoy our waterfront and participate in recreation with their families - they walk, kids cycle, play on the playgrounds, visit Te Papa etc..Deterring people from using this wonderful piece of Wellington's public land would be such a shame. The people that go there don't live nearby and don't enjoy that area on a regular basis during the week and introducing parking charges will encourage them to go elsewhere, resulting in the waterfront becoming less popular for families as a destination and less vibrant culturally due to less people. This would harm those on lower incomes and make the city a less accessible place for them, making them feel even more isolated and I think it would have a terrible impact on the area. Charging for parking in the Freyberg swimming pool car park is already a farce for people visiting the pool and paying a full entry cost. \$6.80 for a swim plus parking starts to add up pretty quickly for some one trying to do something good for their health. Pool goers should be exempt from parking charges. Maybe a coloured ticket on their dashboard? If you charge for parking in the city you will kill the centre city on the weekends. people will just visit malls and park all day for free. Thorndon quay is similar. Introduce weekend parking and you'll have a direct effect on the businesses at that end of town.

No

360 - Jithen Singh: Introducing fees which those parking in these car parks over the weekend would have to pay will deter many from travelling to coming into the city. Currently weekend parking is free for a limited time. This is perfect for those wanting to come in for a quick shop or so. Under a paid model - shoppers will be encouraged to shoot outside of Wellington in centres like the Hutt and Porirua where parking is free. This is already the case for some things as some retailers have a bigger selection outside of the city due to space etc. Thanks

No

361 - Yasmin Rosner: It's already pretty expensive during the week so it shouldn't be any parking fees on weekends. It would be an option if you have some day ticket options for the whole wellington area - to make public transport more attractive.

No

362 - Victoria Rogers: If one of the stated benefits is encouraging turnover of car parks, it's unlikely that charging \$5 will change that. More likely people will still stay for 2 hours. I do think it will discourage People from being in the CBD at the weekend, which is a shame as it brings life to the city. Not just shops, but cafes, museums and other cultural and outdoors community areas like the waterfront and Frank Kitts Park.

No

363 - John Redgrave: As a casual user of weekend parking most weekends when I stop in town for a quick coffee, run errands, go shopping with the kids etc I find the parking is currently excellent, turnover of parks is acceptable and it's generally easy to find a park. The free parking is an incentive to encourage me into the CBD to support those retailers who are located there where I would currently spend a considerable sum of money. If there is a charge for parking I will likely take my business elsewhere and shop in areas where parking remains free. It's not the cost that's an issue, it's the inconvenience of having to pay for the parks. I oppose this proposal and suggest that the parks should remain free on weekends

No

366 - Adam Finlayson: Weekend parking fees will be another nail in the coffin to kill off any customers for shops in cbd.

No

367 - Wilson Sze: Parking costs throughout the week are already expensive enough, and considering the fiasco the metlink bus company changeover has created (who allowed that?), our public transport system has never been more frustrating. The timing isn't great for you. So drivers should not be penalized on the weekend when they can finally enjoy driving and parking into the city, and enjoy the events that Wellington has to offer. If you take that away with metered parking, we will quickly become just another heartless and soulless city (like Sydney where I grew up), and making city events and festivals much more expensive and restrictive for people to attend - killing the soul of it all. For Wellington to still have two hours free parking, is a symbol of what makes

our city great, generous, and different to many other cities. Keep Wellington wonderful!

Yes
369 - Holly Trowland: As someone who loves a car free life to minimise my effect on the environment i agree with the proposal. The cost of parking should go to the users. Please make sure that public transport on the weekends is plentiful and convenient so that people put out by the increase in parking have alternatives.

No
370 - Frances Benson-Cooper: Parking is already barely affordable. This is NOT a smart move for the city and will prevent people from coming in at all in my opinion.

No
371 - Edward Lee: I live in the city and don't personally need the free car parks, but a lot of my friends and family come to visit me over the weekend to see my kids but if you start to charge them to park to visit me in my apartment it would mean they simply won't come to visit as they can not afford to come around if they have to park. It is already hard enough to restrict them to popping over in the evenings and if you bring in charges you are just hitting our family and their benefits. This is not fair and will mean they visit me less. Just lift the hourly rate during work hours!

No
374 - Kimberly Kwan: I have a gym membership in town and go on week days. Usually one weekend day I will pop into town for an hour or two, the cost of parking would make me reconsider my membership. Also, may have quick errands to run in the city on the weekend, I would go else where if I had to pay for parking on the weekend, and wouldn't browse any city shops. It could impact the city markets, food outlets and other businesses. The two hour limit is enough to get what you need done, if you charge for weekend it will drive people away. Also it's a right of passage to have free parking around the beach and fyrberg, people may be less inclined to be active, especially those that need to exercise on the flat, walking is one of Kiwis favorite activities, people will go to lyall bay, petone and plimmerton instead. As a rate payer of the whole city / region it's not just the city based rates payers that incur the cost of keeping the city going and us who live in the burbs with generally less income / wealth would in fact be penalized more or miss out on oriental bay which is a gem for all those in wellington who seek sun and fresh air for our wellness.

No
377 - Charissa April: No, we pay enough during the week with limited parking. Parking should remain free on weekends!

No
379 - Nicholas Krijger: This hasn't been needed before and isn't now. As long as the existing limits remain it is fine as it has been for many years.

No
380 - Andy Neilson: I dont agree with charging for parking on weekends, parking is expensive and hard enough to find in Wellington cbd with alot of the parking buildings being closed with no alternative. Not to mention the failing bus system

No
381 - Alistair Russell: One great thing about Wellington is being able to pop into town on the weekend and not pay for parking. Popping into David jones and other shops on the weekend is a great part of living in Wellington. If I have to pay for parking I simply won't come into the city on weekends. And I won't go shopping on weekends. All those CBD shops and cafes won't get any business from me.

No
382 - Paul Irving: I no longer own a car but it is frustrating enough to find a free car park in the cbd on a weekend when all are free let alone if all cost. I have friends visit from up the coast with their kids and dogs to catch up for food and drinks roam the waterfront and eat out. They will be less likely to do that if they are spending 20 bucks on parking instead of enjoying them selves They are putting money into hardworking vendors and cafes instead of a soulless parking meter! This is a form nope from a proud wellingtonian of 5 years

No
383 - Alan Chambers: I totally object to the idea of charging for weekend parking. We work hard in the

week and the weekend visit into town is made very easy from the fact we can park without charge. It's a massive pain to pay for a set time, and then have to keep checking the time to make sure you've not exceeded the ticket time. NOBODY wants to deal with that on the weekend. I think in the week is fair enough but the weekend is for us to enjoy and not stress. Thank you.

No
384 - Mark Graham: You are not promoting the city and not encouraging using central city retail

No
385 - Sarah Matthews: I moved to Wellington from Auckland and have come to love this little city. Having seen the incredible difficulty of obtaining parking in Auckland, and the crippling prices imposed by parking vendors, I ask that council find alternate ways of raising funds and leave the free weekend parking in place. It would be sad to see Wellington CBD inherit the same suffocating parking situation. I'm mindful of the recent proceedings of the Commerce Commission against Wilson Parking in the High Court. I understand the need for council to raise funds for work within the city but respectfully request it retains its own kind and non mercenary culture of free weekend parking.

No
386 - Sarah Todd: Why do you need to change the free parking for weekends? There are already big parking companies in the city where you pay for parking in the weekend. And parking during the weekdays is already so expensive. That is enough. Think about all the families who love to come into the city in the weekend to take their family to the beach or to go to the waterfront or go do some shopping. I think you will be taking advantage of us by introducing paid parking in the weekend. Just in force the 2hr limit better. Get your parking people to actually ticket the cars who are there longer than the 2hrs. Stop trying to change something just because you can. Think of the community. Think of the families who love to come into the city because of the free weekend parking. Free weekend parking has never been a problem so why do you need to change this. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Yes
387 - Rissa Williams: Happy to pay a reduced rate for parking however, I'd like if it applied to just peak times. Eg just till midday or early afternoon on Saturday and Sunday. I assume that with the new sensor parking the council can determine what times are most popular on the weekends, they should use these data (and make their findings on peak parking demands publicly available.) Finding a park is so appalling Saturday mornings now I'd actually rather avoid the city than try my luck finding a park. So for those who say they will avoid the city if there's a charge for parking for on the weekends, there will be others like me they will start coming back. I'd also rather my money went to the council than a private parking building.

No
388 - Hannah Williams: I think that the introduction of weekend parking fees is a poor choice, especially given that the current free stay is only two hours and creates a turn over of spaces in its self. I have also personally never had an issue getting a weekend park in the city centre, so don't think charging people will create any more of a positive turn over. Rather than just put people off coming into the city centre all together. I don't drive in the city centre during the weekdays purely due to parking costs, to see this introduced in the weekends would be very sad for business and a negative impact on the city, that I feel is becoming less and less inclusive. With the recent increase in bus fares and reduction in services, reliability and access, people are already very upset. While making it harder for myself and many others to even get into the CBD and surrounding suburbs using public transport after the recent changes, then too increase parking costs, feels like shutting the option out all together. I would urge the WCC to please look at fixing current public transport issues before charging extra in more areas and shutting the suburbs out of the CBD. Kind regards.

No
389 - Anthony O'Connor: Just gives me another reason to shop in Porirua or the Hutt instead of the CBD.

No
391 - Hannah Doherty: My parents have lived on Haining Street for the last 10 years. It has always been incredible frustrating for visiting family and friends to have to move there car every 2 hours to avoid ticketing. Now you want to introduce paid parking as well? Have you even thought about how this affects residents living within in the city? If this goes ahead you will need to introduce residents parking for those affected by this new fee. Thanks for you consideration Hannah

No

392 - Cathy Littlechild: I come into town every Sunday to get my fruit and veges from the market at Te Papa. I am there for maybe half an hour. The thought of having to pay to park to visit the market will make me seriously reconsider whether going to the market is worthwhile as it will for others. Which will not have a positive benefit for the market. Unless there was a later time of starting to charge parking fees on Sundays such as from 10am. Then the early users of the market will not be penalised. But even if there was a later start time on Sundays I don't think it would have a positive benefit for Wellington residents. People will just not come into town any more, and the town will lose a large revenue. Unless there is a plan for reduced ticketing on the bus and train for weekend visitors?

Yes

393 - Mike Tribe: Keep loading zones operating on Saturdays as there is nowhere to park for trade drop off and pick ups as the loading zones are full of private cars.

No

394 - Cheng Soon Goh: Please DO NOT impose weekend parking fees in CBD. If you do, you are driving people to other suburbs like Porirua and Lower Hutt (where the parking is still free!) to do their shopping. You adjust CV at every 3 years, that should be enough to cover your city maintenance cost.

No

395 - Ben McGregor: You already have a virtual dead zone, free parking is the reason we travel in with children. Public transport in Wellington is already difficult and prohibitively expensive and sluggish with poor times. You would turn visitors to Wellington to choose between a duopoly of parking for horrendous prices, and a third lesser but not price capped competitor being the council.

No

396 - Gwynneth Jansen: I do not agree with this proposal as I feel that pay free weekend parking brings people into the city where they spend money, see art and participate in the social and artistic life of the city. Once weekend parking fees are introduced there will be a drop off in people coming to the city. Instead they will go to the malls and use their cash in their home suburbs. With the error ridden scheduling of the buses it will just be easier to stay home. The downstream implications are that fewer people will come to the city and less money will be spent. The heart will go out of our city. Right now people with accessibility issues and young children can come to the city in the weekends and park for free. As a ratepayer I am happy to support that - especially if the business owners who will be the recipients of their investment pay some of the subsidy.

No

397 - Alice Bray: The line in the proposal that states WCC expect the combination of weekend parking charges being applied and the current time limits remaining unchanged to encourage a higher turnover of parks. Let's unpack that: - time limits remain unchanged so that does not encourage higher turnover because there is no change - logically, people who can afford to pay \$1.50-\$3 for their parking are likely the same people who can afford to stay in town for longer and spend more money, therefore this will not encourage a higher turn over of parks - during wet and windy winter conditions in Wellington, if people have the choice between leaving the house to go into town to explore the cities museums, galleries, theatres, cinemas during the weekend, charging them while maintaining the time limits does not encourage higher turn over of parks. - petrol prices are at an all time high, there has just been an increase in bus fees, parking during the weekend has increased, the cost of transport on your average family has increased drastically in the last five years - but this increase is an attempt to keep rates increases to a minimum (not stop increases, but to keep them to a minimum). How does that math stack up WCC? - higher park turnover, which we have already identified isn't likely because of the time limits remaining the same, then looks like it's driven by WCC believing people will only pay for what they can afford, which under the circumstances in the above bullet is either enough that they don't care or not enough that the inconvenience will not bring them into the city. WCC please look beyond your quick fire solutions to gain more revenue. Look at actual urban consumer demographics and habits and realise your approach is weak and your proposal reasoning is so flawed it looks misleading. Look at your name and look at your mandate. Is this, alongside many of your other attempts at revenue generation, going to foster Wellingtonians to want to enjoy their city? Or does it make them feel like they can't afford to be part of it, and that right is reserved to those privileged enough to make such a good wage per year that this increase means nothing. Support all Wellingtonians, not just the ones that look and live like you.

No

400 - Michael Brantley: If you want to push shopping to the Hutt or Porirua by all means go ahead. Learn

from Melbourne. Keep the CBD vibrant. You're not going to get people doing the train-bus thing in significant numbers on the weekend. The busses are less responsive now. They ride trains & busses all week and are over it. They have packages and doing the mass transit is a pain. Don't do this.

No

401 - Madeleine Mills: I believe the introduction of parking fees would discourage people from visiting the city centre on weekends in favour of going elsewhere. Ultimately this would have a detrimental effect on businesses in the city centre. There is already the 2 hour time limit to encourage regular freeing up of parking spaces. I know personally I would be less likely to spend time in the city centre on weekends if I had to pay for parking.

No

402 - Lucy Weston-Taylor: While I agree with the intent of the proposal, I think it's taking a step too quickly, and at the wrong time. My suggestion would be to reduce weekend free parking to one hour, instead of two. This would encourage quicker turn over (if you want to stay longer you could pay the proposed fees) and more intentional inner city parking. I am thinking particularly of the impact this would have on the Waterfront Market. I am a regular at that market, it seems a disincentive to go to the market, plus at that time in the morning (8-11ish) there is no pressure on street parking around Te Papa/Blair/Allen Sts. A parking charge at that time then seems more like a disincentive to go to the market, which surely the WCC should be supporting. The corollary to this is that if Wellington has good public transport, then trips to the CBD should be encouraged to be public transport - which the proposed charge would do. However, as you have no doubt heard, the new system is not going well at the moment. For trips where I do not need a car (i.e. anything other than the market), I would much prefer to take public transport, however that depends on the transport being reliable and frequent. I know that the buses are under GWRC's control, however given how angry people are over that, I suspect that weekend charging will be become part of the same conversation - 'I have to pay to go into town in the weekends now, which I have to do in my car because the buses are awful'. Thus I think the timing of this proposal, due to factors outside your control, is not great. As such, I think that weekend free parking should be reduced to one hour, with the possibility of paying to extend, and in a few years, once the bus system has been sorted out, the issue revisited & charging then brought in. Thanks

No

403 - David Allen: The weekend parking is what gives every resident the poor and struggling an equal right to come into the city to enjoy everything with their families. A pay for parking would restrict many families from being able to come to the city. Higher rates would be better...the people who can afford to own a home or who own rental properties can cover the extra costs. Rent in Wellington keeps raising each year. The only one benefiting are the owners.

No

404 - Rachel Blackaby: I am a member of Les Mills Gym in Taranaki Street, and believe in benefits of living a healthy lifestyle; and not just for myself, but also for society. I go to the gym every Saturday and Sunday; and, for convenience, I drive my car and park it in the vicinity of the gym. Also, if there is any shopping I would like to do, the weekend days are the days I do this because of the affordability. If this changes, then I am seriously consider my lifestyle, and the viability of it. With living costs continually rising, and no increase in income in a very long time, something will have to give. I just won't be spending the time in the city; then everyone suffers, not just myself, but the businesses also in the central business district. I imagine that this will be the case for many other Wellingtonians as well. I therefore request that these initiatives are dismissed, without further action. King regards, Rachel Blackaby

No

405 - Bee Ang: Most Wellingtonians come out on weekends for some family time. Why make them pay for parking fees? The council should be more family friendly and be supportive of this. Btw the car park is only free for 2 hours in weekends, it is just for short period of time.

No

406 - Bruno Lago: I would like to see WCC finding ways to improve the parking situation in the CBD, instead of making it harder or more expensive. Recent work done (such as on Victoria Street) reduced the number of parking places in the CBD. Finding creative ways to increase the supply of parking places is a better way to deal with high demand. I wonder if there is land WCC could acquire or reclaim to build more parking space. Maybe a partnership with the private sector where the company that builds and operates the parking infrastructure is allowed to charge for it during the week, but required to offer it free on weekends.

No

407 - Phillip Bagley: Hi, i see no justification in applying these weekend fees. The argument presented by the council is that fees will increase turnover of car parks. However a 2hr limit is already in effect. This limit achieves the turnover the council seeks. Adding fees will reduce the number of weekend visitors to the city, which will ultimately reduce the money spent in the city. The council should be encouraging people and families to come in the weekends to enliven the city. Applying these fees would be a backward step for Wellington. Phill Bagley

No

409 - Mattijs Bolijn: This will have a detrimental effect on Wellington City as less people will be incentivized to go shopping in town. Hurting businesses. Public transport is terrible and unlikely to improve, so people will just go to malls. Very short sighted and anti business.

No

410 - Marcus Van Rijssel: Charging for parking on the weekends will slowly kill the Wellington city on the weekends. Before parking was free Wellington was a ghost town on the weekends. Why would anyone come all the way into the city when parking in the suburbs is free? If parking is charged you can kiss goodbye to all the cafe and restaurant business on Saturday and Sunday and slowly all of the shops will start to close as well. This is a huge step backwards for the life of the inner city of Wellington.

No

411 - Treena van Rijssel: I think introducing parking in the weekends will change the face of Wellington city from a thriving active and vibrant city in the weekends to a ghost town with retail business' and restaurants struggling to make ends meet. I personally enjoy shopping in the city but only in the weekends when it is free to park. I think charging for parking in the weekends would be a huge council mistake.

No

412 - Claire Dawe: I attend St Johns-in-the-City in Willis Street which has a 'gathered' congregation i.e. many people living in the suburbs whose churches have closed, choose now to worship at St John's. However many of these people also have mobility problems so have to bring their cars into town on Sunday mornings as there is too much walking involved to and from bus stops. Is the committee considering these Weekend Parking Submissions aware of the Outreach Funding that all churches make to charities and organisations in Wellington City? These include Downtown Community Ministry, Salvation Army, Presbyterian Support Central, Boys and Girls Institute (BGI) Wellington, Christians Against Poverty (CAP) based at the Street Church, Resettling Refugees, Women's Health Collective, Wellington Rape Crisis, Churches Education Commission, Inter-church Hospital Chaplaincy, Dixon Street Flats Cafe, 'Out of the Gate' Programme for those released from Arohata Prison, being some. These Outreach funds are donated by parishioners, most of whom live outside the CBD. If the council imposes parking charges at the weekends, and particularly on Sundays, this will impact on donations from parishioners not only from St John's but also from St Peter's Willis Street, St Mary's Boulcott Street, St Andrews The Terrace and the Salvation Army Vivian Street. If parking charges are imposed, then I for one will have to reduce my weekly giving as I cannot afford parking charges on top of my contributions to St Johns. Many others, now retired, will also feel the same. Therefore the level of Outreach Funding which is provided to the above organisations by churches will drop thus making these organisations suffer unduly. Please be aware that it is not only shoppers who come into the CBD at weekends. Please consider my submission carefully, not just dismiss it.

No

413 - Grant McLean: I have read the description of the proposed changes and note that this description does not include any mention of the problem that these changes are meant to solve. There is also no mention of how the the changes would be measured or assessed after being implemented, to determine if they were effective. As a periodic visitor to the weekend CBD, I have not experienced significant difficulty finding a park. The proposed changes suggest that increased turnover of parking spaces is an 'anticipated' outcome. I have not found the rate of turnover of car parks at the weekend to be a problem. In fact, the ease with which I have been able to find parking is a significant factor influencing my decision to take a car. Introducing a fee for parking is most likely to cause me to visit the CBD less frequently on weekends, with the result that I am more likely to spend my money in suburban shopping centres and eateries. I have frequently encountered out-of-town visitors puzzling over the signage, to determine how to pay for parking and how much it will cost. When I reassure them that at the weekends there is a time-limit but not a cost, they are always visibly relieved and often respond with 'what a great idea' or similar sentiments. I do think it's important to encourage weekend visitors to our city, the proposed changes are likely to have the opposite effect. The description of the proposed

changes does claim they will 'transfer the cost ... to those who use the parking spaces'. It is difficult to see how this claim could be true, since the specifics of the change only refer to additional costs for weekend users of car parks and make no mention of specific reductions to costs for any class of ratepayers. That amounts to a net cost increase not a cost transfer. If the reason for the proposed change was to reduce the number of cars in the CBD, then that is a goal I could happily support. However improvements to the frequency, reliability and transparency of public transport options is far more likely to achieve that outcome than introducing a parking charge. I exclusively use public transport for my weekday commutes, but am more likely to use a private car for weekend family outings.

No

414 - Carol Tongco: Our family like to come in to the city for the weekend market when it is sunny, or to look around shops and attend weekend events if any. Sometimes, we like to walk around oriental bay for some exercise then grab lunch somewhere. Imposing a parking fee would discourage us to go into the city centre for these activities especially shopping and eating when we could do this in Lower Hutt or Porirua without worrying about parking fees. (It would discourage me shopping there especially--- because lugging around bags without a car with 2 kids and their junk is not fun). Please think about the establishments in the city center including restaurants and shops that are open on weekends and how they will be affected by this move. What is the percentage of sales they get from tourists who happen to be already in the area versus people who purposely go into the city to patronize their goods and services.

No

416 - Harrison Gerrard: A parking fee on weekends would result in a negative effect on parking space turnover rates and thus resulting in fewer numbers of people into the city. If we take in to consideration the number of people coming in from Porirua, Upper and Lower Hutt, as well as other surrounding, distanced neighbourhoods, we would be deterring them from their weekend trips in to the city to pay and consume what the city has to offer. A parking fee would be a negative introduction to casual weekend exertions resulting in a large amount of negative response towards the council. Perceptions of unnecessary greed would be held towards the council and seem unfair to the citizens of the city. Please consider the negative effects and consequences that would otherwise likely be avoided in the decision of this consultation.

No

417 - Steven Mawhinney: This is a horrible idea that will see less people coming to the CBD and supporting small business that are already struggling. Parking fees are already excessively high in the city for weekdays and charging for the weekend only make the city less accessible to people on Lower incomes. Our CBD need ideas the encourage people to come in to it, support the small business that make it great. This is the opposite of that. I strongly hope the council reconsiders this option.

No

418 - John S: When I moved to Wellington from Auckland a year ago, it didn't take long to convince me this was the world's most liveable city. One of the chief reasons for that was the ease of finding free weekend parking in the CBD, a frustration that any car owner who has lived in Auckland will understand. The proposal to introduce weekend parking fares is flawed in so many respects. From an anecdotal perspective, the need to implement such a measure has never crossed my mind nor made any sense to me. I frequently drive in to town on the weekends and evenings, and in the year I have been in Wellington, I have very rarely had to spend more than 10 minutes looking for a park. Only on one single occasion did I have to give up and eventually settle for a commercial parking spot, and that was on the night of the recent Matariki fireworks show. The proposed parking fees thus become a mere inconvenience for the many visitors to the CBD on weekends, who need to bring their car for whatever reason. In my case for instance, the last train heading home on any day (and my only public transport option) leaves at 11.00pm. Low-income families from further afield who find it more economical to drive in to spend a day in the city may be put off by the fees. Speaking of public transport, perhaps this proposal wouldn't be such an issue if Wellington's public transport was at a standard befitting the city. Grossly poor timing aside, to introduce this proposal in the midst of the furore over the shambolic new bus system seems like a slap in the face of the Wellington public. Finally, let's not gloss over the fact that introducing weekend parking fees will drive visitors away from the CBD on weekends and hurt hardworking Wellington businesses. I live by the mantra of 'if it ain't broke, don't try to fix it'. I am sure that the revenues generated by the current weekday parking charges are surely enough for whatever purpose they serve. The proposal from the council does not imply there is anything wrong with the status quo, so I do not see any reason to change it. Wellington is the world's most liveable city for good reason. I ask that you don't jeopardise this by implementing a flawed proposal that will hurt businesses and frustrate thousands of locals.

No

419 - Carl Fenemor: I thought WCC would be looking at ways to encourage more people into the city on the weekends to support local businesses, not providing another reason to discourage. With so many options for weekend destinations, I fear this will deter central city shopping/leisure activities and send people into the suburbs and Hutt Valley. Luckily we have another store in Petone, so potentially this initiative will increase our weekend foot traffic out there (hopefully enough to cover the foreseeable reduced city turnover).

Yes

420 - Teresa Gianos: This is a positive direction. It benefits cities and business when users pay the cost of a limited resource, in this case land and the paving on our roads. We certainly have enough parking inventory with many commuter garages empty on weekends. Even better would be a variable rate for high demand times--hopefully something to be implemented in the future with real time parking data from sensors. Please, let more people know about the high cost of free parking.

<https://www.vox.com/videos/2017/7/19/15993936/high-cost-of-free-parking>. All may park, all must pay.

No

421 - Nicholas Wong: No charging weekend fees is what makes visiting the cbd attractive on weekends, thereby allowing people to spend more on shops and local retailers. Charging for weekend parking will only drive customers to other nearby cities, who don't charge or have on site parking, because why would someone pay more to get the same product elsewhere. The city's limited on site parking (think Queensgate) is going to make weekend charges that much less an incentive to come in.

No

423 - Annie Josy: Free parking is something that makes the city attractive. Please do not stop this privilege to us

No

424 - Gemma Macmillan: Parking already is excessive during the week. To impose parking fees in the weekend will most likely deter people from parking in the street and just use parking buildings since they don't have a time limits either. It will also give the impression that the council and government bodies aren't actually giving an incentive to shop locally... if anything a lot of people I know would rather shop online than have to pay for more parking.

No

425 - Jeanie Moore: This is an unnecessary move to keep rates rises to a minimum. There are other ways of doing it such as lowering subsidies on arts events (can't remember ever any consultation on this) or making wiser decisions regarding existing expenditure on cycle ways as there has been some extremely unpopular expenditure in this area. This council appears to be quite loose with other people's money and needs to exercise improved economic stewardship. This will discourage many people from visiting Wellington in the weekends. There is already a 2 hour limit so it is not a free for all as it is so there is already movement of cars. This move is purely a revenue grab by a council that does not make the best choice of how they spend their current revenue.

Yes

426 - Michael Lowe: Hello, My comments below come from my experience working as an urban design consultant having been involved in major medium density and town centre rejuvenation projects in New Zealand. - I congratulate your policy move towards best practice parking management in alignment with modern urban transportation planning i.e. Donald Shoup, Jeff Speck etc. It's important to note that managing parking also has fundamental benefits to urban design and the quality and potential of the central city as a public space. In the long term discouraging parking and private vehicular movements downtown will help WCC with re allocating street space from parking towards active transport i.e. cycle lanes and wider more attractive footpaths that support placing making and retail frontages. - I support your efforts to introduce weekend parking charges, however, I recommend the following amendments: 1. Increase the charge amount to generate more revenue. 2. Incrementally increasing over time i.e. \$3/hr for the rest of 2018, then \$4/hr for 2019 etc. 3. Create an incentivised relationship between PT and parking by using the money generated from parking revenue to make PT free on weekends and increase the level of service (i.e. more frequent weekend timetables). This is the best way to support businesses as good PT allows a larger quantity of people to access the central city. 4. The costs and restrictions on coupon visitor parking in the surrounding inner city suburbs needs to be incorporated in this parking reform as parking may spill out into these areas as a result. Consult with your traffic engineer. Thanks Michael Lowe

No

427 - Natasha Bank: Terrible, short thinking. Would absolutely kill retail trade.

No

428 - Joe Stephens: weekend free parking promotes commerce, the main reason for inner city visits on the weekend is to spend money, and heaven forbid people spend a bit long spending money !?! bad idea

Yes

430 - Henry Peach: This is a great idea. No wonder traffic is so bad on the weekends at the moment if parking is free. This should encourage a bit of mode shift and make it more pleasant to get around the city in the weekends.

No

431 - Christy Law: Free parking in the CBD at the weekend brings people into the city - purchasing goods and services from Wellington businesses (particularly hospitality) that enables them to grow and maintain their operations. Many Wellington retailers are dependent on the weekend trade to survive and removing free parking will create real pain, particularly for smaller operators. With recent headlines focused on falling business confidence, this is not the time to be introducing this sort of change. In terms of reducing congestion, what this change will actually do is shift the congestion out to the suburbs and in particular, increase already congested suburbs where shopping malls with free parking is available. This proposed change reads as something that hasn't been considered from all angles; I urge the council to reconsider and retain free weekend parking in the CBD.

No

432 - Kristi Law: I disagree this is a good thing for the CBD. This will discourage people coming to the CBD in the weekend. The rate is not even that much discounted from the regular rate.

Yes

433 - Amanda Wills: This is a fantastic idea to help combat congestion in the city, encourage bus use and past costs to those who use cars. I will happily pay to park in the weekend if I need to have my car in the city.

No

436 - Emma Hartley: This will stop people such as myself going into the city in weekends, this will affect retailers revenue due to the loss of customers.

Yes

437 - Ronstone Tee: I agree with the proposal if the other aim of this is to decrease the number of cars driving into the CBD on the weekends. Given the case to help with reducing the car traffic. Is there any chance the council could look into decreasing the bus fares to encourage more people to use public transport. I understand we do not have the as many people as other metropolitan cities. But this is one thing metropolitan cities have, cheaper public transport to entice the public to use them. Hoping this suggestion get considered. Thank you.

No

438 - Alexis Jackson: Firstly, I feel it's misleading to present the introduction of charges for weekend parking as 'discounted'. The only way to discount what is currently free, is to pay me to park in the CBD- is that on the agenda? Why not focus on making our parking buildings available again to enable turnover of parks, rather than decreasing the current parks to create more biking lanes (see Thorndon Quay) & charging for the ones we do still have, under the guise of supporting the rate payer. Personally I can't imagine why my rates would be increasing anyway so struggle to see why introducing paid weekend parking is pitched as offsetting this increase. I do feel this council is so anti car/driving & so clearly anti car/driving, it's laughable. We don't all want to ride a bike.

No

439 - David Meszaros: Instead of going to the city for weekend shopping/cafe trips. My wife & I will go to the Hutt or Porirua on weekends as there is plenty of FREE parking available. We are on a tight budget as we have a newborn child, so any expense makes a big difference to us.

Yes

441 - Matt Macfarlane: The status-quo full subsidisation of parking is a gross transfer from poor to rich, that makes inefficient use of land in a city struggling with land supply for both housing and recreation, and

additionally incentivises the environmental harm that private cars cause. Parking should be fully user-pays to the extent that it reflects the true opportunity cost of the council land being used for parking rather than other purposes.

No

443 - David Aldridge: Free Sunday parking reduces the financial barrier to people wanting to attend Arise church services for 2.5 hours morning and evening at the MFC. Many have limited resources so keeping free Sunday parking is a significant benefit enabling them to do to access our meetings which develops their spirituality and maintains their social support structures.

No

445 - Michelle Hosking: I already pay for coupon parking during the week. I use the free 2 hour weekend parking to spend time with my daughter in the city along the waterfront whether is be running, walking or her on her longboard (it's not like Wellington suburbs have very many flat areas to ride). By putting a fee in place you will be pushing everyone from the city during the weekends to other areas of the Wellington region where the parking is free

No

446 - Sally Hughes: I do not support WCC charging for parking in the weekends in any way shape or form.

No

447 - Ian Hughes: I definitely do not support WCC charging parking fees in the weekend.

No

448 - Alison Holmes: Free two hour parking is an asset to the people of Wellington allowing everyone greater access to the city, shopping and food areas and of course attending church on a Sunday. Thank you

No

449 - Frank Slee: This decreases the desire of people to visit the cbd.

No

450 - Sam Cheung: Objection!!! Cancellation of free parking during weekends would only stops people from going to city and that would seriously affect the business and economy!!! The economy of Wellington is already not so active and you'll make it dead if there's parking fee during weekends!!!! Think twice before you action!!!

No

451 - Vicki Bealing: Fees to park at weekends would really put me off shopping and dining in the cbd due to cost. As I live on a big hill as well I would be unlikely to want to catch the bus and also not in bad weather. For several people travelling driving in is a lot cheaper and more convenient.

No

452 - Sean Man: I strongly object this proposal of imposing parking fee in weekend. If you make it effective, My whole family and my neighbors will never go shopping, catering, having service in Wellington City anymore. We will go to other town centres like Porirua or Petone or Lower Hutt. You will make wellington city economy badly affected and downsizing. WCC will need to downsize and cut staffs as well. Good luck!

No

453 - Tony Rose: Our council should help people and make \$ for our city but not by making everything in the city cost. Most people are allresdy struggling don't take away more or this city will become more dull then it allresdy is

No

454 - Courtney Biswell: I'm so angry about this. You have messed up transport in wellington, Island Bay cycle lane is disgusting. it's a mess, either fix it (put it back) or maintain it. Now you want to rip away free parking. Why does everything have to cost! Worse council ever. You win the title.

No

455 - Hannah Henderson: I live in Porirua with my two primary school aged sons. We love coming into Wellington and while paid weekend parking wouldn't necessarily stop us doing that, I can say quite strongly that we wouldn't choose it as a shopping destination. With free parking at malls and other shopping locations we would be more likely to support those businesses instead. So we would probably still come in for leisure activities or certain purposes nut not for shopping at Wellington city retailers.

No

456 - Sophia George: With the bus system now being such a disaster you obviously what the central city to die. I for one will not be heading to the city if I have to pay parking over the weekend. Don't you think the Council has made enough errors and cost ratepayers exorbitant cost for their mistake - here we go again. Just to name a few the cycle ways, the bus system, microchipping of cats - where you have no rights - shall we go. Council should be encouraging people to go in the central city over the weekend not discouraging.

No

458 - Joseph Mahoney: You're going to kill business in the city by doing this and drive more business out to the Hutt for shopping (free parking at the mall) and Petone for cafes. Think bigger picture, I feel this is a greedy approach and will lose you the faith of Wellingtonians. You're probably going to do this anyway, just understand the impact. This is a gigantic withdrawal from the proverbial emotional bank account - and you may need that bank balance soon for something else more important.

No

459 - Phil Gurnsey: I object to parking charges proposed along Oriental Parade adjacent to the RPNYC. The proposal is to introduce a \$1.50 per hour charge at the weekends between Herd Street and the Freyberg Pool (10 hour time limit), and a \$2.50 per hour charge from Herd Street back into the central city (two hour time limit). The effect of this change is that RPNYC sailors and volunteers would be required to pay for parking, as much as \$15 per day, where at present they can park for free. The implications are more severe for our older and younger sailors who will be forced to park further away or not come at all. Council argues that the parking fees will transfer the cost of maintaining city centre amenities from local businesses paying the Downtown Levy to those who use the parking spaces and help keep rates increases to a minimum. We have seen little if any improvement to the Chaffers Marina and don't see any plans in the future. I also understand that currently provided private parking will become unavailable in response. All the proposal means is unnecessarily limiting access to Wellington water sports.

No

461 - Kate Withers: The only reason I shop in the CBD, as opposed to visiting the Westfield shopping centre in Lower Hutt, is free parking. I also would be much, much less inclined to stay in the CBD after work for social activities. I do not find it that difficult to find a park, at peak times I simply park further away, and walk. If the public transport system was affordable and ran smoothly, this proposal would make sense but at the present time it isn't. You're pushing lower incomes from visiting the CBD, we'll just stay in the suburbs and give our money to businesses there

Yes

463 - Chris Harrison: I think this will help further reduce the volume of traffic entering and leaving the city each day. However, this policy should be partnered with a program to increase in the availability of public transport (such as more frequent services) in and out of the city from the suburbs. Please also consider allocating a portion of the expected extra revenue towards subsidies for public transport as a way to encourage it's use further still. When I visit the city on my own, I'd love to leave my car behind. But with public transport as it stands, it just adds far too much time to the trip. I'm either waiting for the next bus or having to take an indirect route due to what routes are running at the time. When I travel with my family, we could also leave the car behind if prices were lower for groups travelling together. But with prices as they are right now, it's just not cost effective.

No

464 - Penny McEwan: I believe that the amount of money generated by parking fees will be considerably less than the loss of business as people will be discouraged to shop in the central city

No

465 - Miranda Chan: I do not support the proposal to introduce weekend parking fees in the CBD. Free parking at the weekends is one of the things that makes Wellington a great city to visit. Introducing weekend fees may also disadvantage people who may not be able to afford to pay for parking and start to make Wellington a less accessible city for many people. Being able to park for free in the weekends is a reason why I visit the city at the weekends, if this was not on offer I would instead opt to go to another area of Wellington where parking is free (eg Petone, Lower Hutt etc) and I would opt to buy items online rather than in store. I do not accept the proposal's stated benefit: 'transfer the cost of maintaining city centre amenities from local businesses paying the Downtown Levy to those who use the parking spaces' - surely businesses are benefiting by more consumers having access to free parking at the weekends and therefore more customers

spending money at their businesses. Is the benefit then, more money to the Council, businesses save money by not having to pay the Downtown Levy and the trade off is, costs are transferred to the consumer? We too often think that an easy solution is transfer costs to consumers as they have little power over decisions that affect them. Have businesses articulated the Downtown Levy as impacting negatively on their business? there is very little information provided on why this has been included as a rationale for this proposal aside from the text I've quoted above. Currently, you can only park for free for 120 minutes max in the CBD in the weekend, so introducing a fee may not have the intended higher turnover of cars as is envisaged by this proposal. Introducing a cost now will no doubt lead to further increases in the hourly rate a few years on, this is always the way these things go.

No

466 - Muhammad Ali: A very one-sided business-benefiting move causing financial and administrative stress to the general public. Here's why? it isn't just about the subsidy money is going to be transferred to the public as a result of this change, you're creating a great deal of ongoing stress to the general public who now would have to deal with additional administrative hassle (ticket expiry timing, etc) that comes with it. From a numbers perspective, I presume Council would engage additional resources to be able to catch the offending vehicles in order to get to your subsidy funding targets. All this I believe isn't the case with the current setup where businesses pay as a lump sum subsidy. Moreover the businesses in the CBD area I believe are running with healthy profit margins to be able to support the subsidy that's now proposed to be transferred to the customers. AFAIK the proposed change isn't going to make any difference to prices in that area thereby resulting into more profit to the businesses and less money in the pocket for the customers. Given the impact that I've briefly touched upon above, I strongly believe that the proposed change is not worth it. Thanks

No

468 - Tanisha Ramji: Public transport isn't cheap as it is, this will be the last straw to make me want to travel into the city anymore and there will definitely be a loss in sales for businesses in the city.

No

469 - Andrew Stone: The argument WCC is putting forward for introducing *increased weekend parking fee* is that this way it's user pays and so the rest of the rates payers don't have to subsidised the free weekend parking. Well, I just received my next lot of rates invoice from WCC and they've increased anyways. Also, it's very disingenuous of WCC to put this out on facebook on Friday afternoon and only gives the public 4 days to respond. If you're aiming to increase turnover of parking, may I suggest decreasing the free maximum parking time to 1.5 or 1 hour. Increasing the parking fee on the weekends will have unintended consequences as people won't want to visit local retailers as often now. Seeing as business confidence is at an all time low, this is a poor decision from the council. Also it'd be prudent for the council to look at how it's operating and manage the cost more efficiently instead of just ever increasing parking fees and rates.

No

470 - Kirstie Tang: We don't need any parking changes. It is fine the way it is now.

No

471 - Suzanne George: Access to parking in the CBD during weekends needs to be kept as it is. Introducing a parking fee will discourage people from eating, shopping, and attending events the CBD.

No

472 - Chingwen Tang: Currently parking is free for up to 2 hours (on a weekend). You are now proposing that we are having to pay for 2 hour parking - this is not a 'discount'. This proposal being labeled beneficial for everyone, I feel is untrue. Please consider the city is busy because parking is free. What you are truly taking away are free family outings and fun, families goes to the beach and parks (it's free) and to explore weekend markets such as Chaffers and Underground markets (also free). Take off your money-making cap and put on your family-focused cap.

No

474 - Emma Philpott: Weekend parking should be kept cheaper to encourage people to visit the city in the weekend - Its important to keep the barrier of more expensive parking during the week to encourage people to commute in other ways and those wanting to access the city outside peak hours during the week have great

options in terms of public transport where a lot of those services are less good in the weekends, especially Sundays. I would really strongly appose this suggestion if you wish to keep the city vibrant during the weekend. I think keeping the parking times (as per currently) encourages weekend visitors to consider what their trip is for and how they want to travel in but for people popping into the city for a short time (ie parents of young kids picking things up from shops etc) or people wanting a short visit for cafes and other facilities its great to keep the parking cheaper.

No
475 - Sharon Rumsey: NO - leave our weekend parking alone. No charging on the weekend.

No
476 - Nicholas Lee: I disagree with this proposal. Current status quo is ideal for Wellington.

No
478 - Shioh wen Tang: The free parking in the weekend encourages people into the city and allows for stress free shopping and family outing. WCC continues to increase rates without giving back to Wellingtonians. This is very disappointing.

No
479 - James Whyte: Wellington City Council appears to be taking the line that rates payers subsidise weekend car parking. The real issue is a lack of fiscal management at WCC in that it cannot live with a 3.5% increase in rates per annum for the next ten years. That's over 42% when compounded! If it wasn't car parking being targeted as the lowest hanging fruit it would be swimming pool charges or increases in rubbish collection charges and on... How about we can the vanity products like blowing \$150k on that lower Tory Street installation and instead focus on providing the essential services the city requires. I'm not fussed as to whether weekend parking charges are introduced or not but the way WCC has dressed this up is borderline disengenuous.

No
480 - Fiona Hynd: If I have to pay for parking I won't come into the city anymore instead I will drive to the malls. This means I won't be supporting the local businesses anymore. The amended bus service now means I have to catch two buses so using public transport isn't an option either.

No
481 - mihail horvat: I am sick and tired of WCC and Regional council ongoing rorts on the captive ratepayers of Wellington. Never ending increases in rates, parking, etc.... Instead of endless increases how about a decrease in rates ?? Stop wasting money on such things as renaming perfectly good English signs to Maori words (which are meaningless to 99% of the population), cut down the salaries and perks of the Mayor and councillors, overpaid admin staff, cut-out unlimited sick leave, ...etc,,,,,

No
482 - Julie Howe: Going into the city is a treat that we allow ourselves only rarely. The nightmare of trying to find a suitable park (that is affordable) during the working week means that it is only during the weekends that we, as a family, can truly enjoy browsing the shops. It appears that the Wellington City Council is making it less attractive for those who live on the edges of the city to take the time to explore what the city offers to its tourists. We will not be coming in if this change is implemented.

No
483 - Sally Elizabeth: You will drive shoppers / cafe users / tourists out of the CBD to Lower Hutt and porirua if u charge for w/e parking .Don't do it . Encourage people to come into the city . Esp Families / elderly / disabled who struggle with using buses etc esp in our windy difficult weather

No
484 - Carrie Philliskirk: The free weekend parking attracts people to the shopping areas of the CBD and also to attractions and museums. Wellington retailers will suffer as most of us will go to the Malls where parking is free. I will certainly not be replacing my quick drive from Miramar to the CBD for an extra 1 hour minimum 2 bus journey each way and feel I pay enough parking fees during the week if I need to drive to town, without having to now lose the only perk we have.. As a minimum, please give ratepayers free parking.

Yes
485 - Luke Hiscox: Absolutely, lets not subsidise car users. Encourage more Public transport and

discourage driving. This is from someone who owns a car and would use PT more on weekends if parking cost.

No

486 - Allister Lane: This proposal to introduce parking fees is a regressive approach. It will negatively impact regular users and retard a vibrant weekend city. I am particularly opposed to this on the basis of the detrimental affect it will have on those who worship in the city churches on Sundays. Parking fees would erode the positive contribution of these volunteer and philanthropic communities.

No

487 - Ashwath Sundaresan: Many people drive to Wellington CBD to visit local eateries and shop. By transferring the economic burden to people who use the parks you are disencetivising people to come to the city.

No

488 - John O'Rourke: This is more revenue gathering from WCC that will only put people off comin into the city on the weekends!! Less people will affect businesses in the pocket and put people off from coming into our awesome city!!

No

489 - Stephen Lowe: Hi I am totally opposed to your proposed introduction of street parking fees in Wellington City from 1 September 2018. I live in Porirua City but have two residential properties in Wellington City as well as work meetings to attend so travel in and park in the city including weekends including Sundays. Wellington City is currently in a very poor situation with regards to parking full stop. You still have car parking buildings out of action, you have just removed the car park at MFC and the parking in Wellington City continues to get worse and more expensive. Wilsons have a monopoly on car parking in Wellington City which makes the pricing even worse. Where is the open competition in this market? Street parking is getting less and less. I support the 2 hour parking limit but not the introduction of fees in the weekends. This also must be some sort of joke to be doing this at this time when so many of the street parking machines are actually not accepting credit cards due to the machines being old, out of date, the replacement poorly planned and the execution slow. As a Wellington ratepayer I am not impressed. You are actually making the city way less attractive to visit and try and conduct business in. This is a real shame but you are seriously putting me off. Regards Stephen Lowe

No

490 - Wendy Jackson: Please do not charge fees for weekend parking until and unless public transport at the weekends has the same frequency as during the week. I understand the need to: (a) raise money, and (b) deter the use of private transport. However, charging for parking - without adequate public transport schedules - will keep people away, and harm the businesses in town.

No

491 - Antonia Milkop: We go to church at St John's in the City (cnr Dixon/Willis Streets) and our congregation relies on the free parking around there. It's now limited to only 2 hours (it used to be unlimited), which also means we've already restricted some of what we now are able to do on a Sunday. PLease don't restrict us anymore by starting to charge for parking. It costs us nearly \$10 each way as a family to travel in by bus (and it's only a 5mins drive from home!). Could church congregations in the city get free parking vouchers or something similar? (it might also encourage more attendance - we'd encourage that!!)

No

493 - Vanessa Evetts: Firstly, the parking fees and restrictions during the week already mean that many families avoid the city - when going to the local library costs \$16+ just in parking, people are less likely to stop for a coffee or lunch, which further punishes the local businesses. The weekend is a time when we can come in and visit the local attractions as a family, play at the innercity parks and beaches etc without having to worry about the cost. Also, we attend Arise Church on a Sunday at The MFC along with almost 2000 people. These people then head out to have coffee, lunch, dinner in droves, again supporting local business. I can guarantee, if there are enforced weekend charges, I along with thousands of others will be taking that business somewhere else, where we don't have to pay for parking.

Yes

494 - James Clarke: I support introducing parking fees. I believe this will improve fair access to those who need it, and discourage cars in the central city. Discouraging car use is important for making our city more

livable for more people, encouraging public and active transport.

Yes

495 - Mark Fletcher: I fully support the introduction of weekend parking fees. People should have incentives (both negative and positive) for getting out of their cars and onto public transport and/or walking and cycling. Therefore the weekend parking fees need to be coupled with more frequent bus services. Sadly, it seems that, with the recent changes to the Wellington buses, services are compromised by overcrowding, missed timetables and added waiting times due to the bus hubs, e.g. #21 bus in Vogelstown and the old #8 being replaced by the 17 and 17e.

No

498 - James Hudson: Keep parking free, on the weekends. Parking fees are exorbitant, and are fleecing people of their hard earned money. It's bad enough that people have to pay an arm and a leg during the week - especially when the alternatives are overcrowded public transportation. Don't make it the same, for the weekends.

No

500 - Eileen Burns: I do not support WCC charging for street car parking during the weekends.

No

501 - Rien Croonenborghs: There's already scores of people avoiding the city centre during the week because of too high parking fees. Introducing the same or even lower fees during the weekend will drive the same people completely away. I avoid coming into the city on a weekday, and certainly will during the weekend if those fees are in place. There's more places to go shopping than just Wellington.

No

502 - Rudi Moritz: With the time limit being the same, there won't be a higher turnover. The problem with the fees is that you need to know in advance if you are done within half an hour or one and a half hours, for instance. You often do not know if the item you intend to buy you can get in the first shop, and you MIGHT have to go to more shops. Within a 2 hour window, you can do that. If you anticipated you could do it within half an hour, and paid for half an hour (because who wants to spend the maximum amount of money if you think you might not need it), you can't continue your shopping, i.e. the retailers missing out on a sale. In addition to that, with the new bus system not established yet, taking the bus is no alternative for a family ... and also very expensive. This proposal makes life more difficult for families, once more. Don't go ahead with it!

No

504 - Charlotte Hannah: With the bus services worsening in the city, especially in my suburb I prefer to drive on a weekend to my keep fit classes. This would prevent me from doing so and would be a massive inconvenience!

Yes

506 - Adrian Wood: Yes, it should be user pays system. Adding cost to business just increases pressure and drives towards online. Do we still want a vibrant city? people can always opt to use public transport and therefore avoid the cost. BTW, public should be able to make submissions without giving over vast amounts of personal data. Please look to simply process

No

507 - Nikki Duru: Will make me and my family less likely to go into town at the weekend which affects businesses in town. Do not see why this is necessary given town is already relatively quiet at weekends. Surely for the sake of retail/services/jobs the council should be encouraging people to come into the CBD.

No

508 - Abby Damen: It's one of the coolest things about this little capital. I can always find a park, the two hour minimum encourages people to move anyway.

No

509 - Nik Artemiev: Please don't introduce weekend parking fees as I believe it will reduce economic activity in the city. People will take it as an excuse to go elsewhere like the Hutt, Johnsonville, Porirua, Kapiti where FREE parking is available. It will reduce patronage to the businesses in town and make it harder for them to survive, we will end up with vacant shops in our high streets and the place will become unfriendly and unlivable. I believe the council will gain little revenue after enforcement costs have been taken into account, I

think the move to charge people for parking in the weekends will only achieve bad will.

No

510 - Harriet Turner: This submission will deter even further shoppers. There is already paid parking closer to the shops, but this will make it super expensive for those looking to spend a full-day shopping on the weekend in the CBD. I'm concerned that it would be cheaper for shoppers to spend the extra petrol to go to Lower Hutt or Porirua (where there is plenty of free parking) to spend their full shopping days. The small amount of fines and fees that the council will get from this proposal won't alleviate the damages to local establishments during the brunch/ lunch rush, and will deter even city-dwellers like myself doing these activities as my friends, relatives and visitors will not be willing to visit me in the CBD. kind of kills the joys of inner city living, and will likely stunt and already under-utilised CBD. we should be encouraging growth in these areas, and with more convenient paid parking an option already, you'll only be targeting people that are more sensitive to \$2.50 an hour.

No

511 - Holger Hempel: The description of the change is lacking details with regards to chargeable times. Would the weekend parking fees apply Saturday & Sunday from 8am - 6pm or all day? Due to the current parking fees, we already try to avoid Wellington CBD during chargeable hours wherever we can and extending the fees to weekends would result in avoiding the CBD on weekends for both recreational purposes and shopping as well. In comparison to Porirua and Lower Hutt retail offerings, Wellington CBD is not particularly attractive and rather spread out to promote longer visits. This is why we usually only do our retail visits weekdays during lunch breaks where possible and introducing such a fee most definitely won't improve the situation but rather shift more business to other locations, in particular stall holders at the various farmers markets. With regards to recreational activities, Wellington CBD does offer some attractive destinations, such as Oriental Bay and Te Papa, along with theatres, cinemas, cafes and restaurants, however the introduction of weekend parking fees would mean that we will avoid visiting the CBD by car where possible and only use bicycles depending on the weather, or otherwise focus on alternative and more attractive destinations. Public transportation in its current form is no alternative as it is too expensive and unreliable.

No

512 - Geoff Ward: For me, one of the attractions of living in Wellington is the ability to come in on the weekends and spend time shopping or browsing or going to a cafe without having to pay parking charges. I believe the imposition of parking charges would only drive people like me to the suburban shopping centres to the detriment of the central city businesses.

No

513 - First Last: The cbd has lost patronage due to 2hr parking limit and will lose more if fees are introduced. The city should be made more accessible.

No

514 - Jean Malcolm: I understand the need to move people on, but this will adversely affect people attending church services around the city. Many of these are low income people, who have a real commitment to community engagement, and I'm sure that you would not want to dissuade them from their involvement in Wellington City activities. I wonder whether a better option would be to do as Hutt Valley did for a time, and require payment for the time parked after a certain length of time. For us at St Peters, we would need a two hour window, to provide time for people to attend a church service followed by cup-of-tea time without becoming anxious about receiving a parking ticket. Please consider this option.

No

515 - Alvin Panugayan: Weekends are one of the few days that locals can enjoy Wellington CBD and oriental bay. Leisurely strolls would now be penalized by fees, wellington is not a inexpensive city to live in btw. If you make weekend purchases in the City GST Free, then maybe.

No

516 - Andrew Knight: I believe there is a significant risk the city centre becomes less attractive and loses weekend visitors. An empty city centre lacking vibrancy and people can quickly become a desolate place attracting an undesirable social mix.

No

517 - Adrian Hudson: This is a backwards step and will drive shoppers out of the CBD, back to the Malls

where parking is free.

No

518 - Lianne Hansen: Weekend parking needs to remain free. There are a lot of people who can't afford parking so we save our visits for the weekend. Parking costs during the week should not increase either. It already costs a small fortune especially for those on lower wages. Remember them?

Rates do not need to increase as they are already among the most expensive in the country.

There are plenty of ways the Council can save money. Getting rid of the Councillors who ruined the bus service would be a good start.

No

519 - Chaz Harris: Given the disastrous implementation of new bus service changes in Wellington, I do not support weekend parking charges in Wellington. I have to use my car more often now as a result to ensure I get to and from appointments on time.

If you want to reduce the usage of vehicles I suggest you spend more time working with GWRC and Metlink to restore a functional, reliable and accessible public transport system. Those blue lights are giving me migraines.

No

520 - Celia McAlpine: I don't think it is sensible to implement weekend parking fees unless those fees are used to subsidise public transportation on the weekend. If the money was used to encourage mode switching, and to allow for those people that would have used their car to now use a bus (with cheaper fees and a more reliable transport system), I would agree with the parking fees.

No

521 - Peter Lee: I would ask the WCC to reconsider the need for parking charges on the weekend. I think this makes Wellington a less competitive location for weekend shopping relative to Porirua or > Lower Hutt. In part of the intention is to encourage people to make the transition to public transport, then additional services and investment in public transport infrastructure is needed.

No

522 - Sarndra Flay: Parking fees work against people with young kids and work against people with disabilities.

Your rationale is weak.

If you increase fees from 8/9/18 then what rate reductions are planned for this FY?

No

523 - Jodi Hartley:

Our family is LESS likely to visit Wellington city from Upper Hutt these days, due to increasing parking fees and less parking available.

Public transport services are less frequent in the weekends, and it just puts the problem onto commuter car parks in the outer areas. So Upper Hutt has to 'store my Mazda' while I take the train into Wellington city to shop and use services? You're giving Upper Hutt a raw deal there!

The Greater Wellington Regional Council collects rates from ALL ratepayers in the Wellington region, and a good portion of our dollars goes toward 'regional services and facilities' which are based in Wellington city. Now you want to charge us even more to use our regional assets that we help pay for? Again, unfair.

For a family, when 3-4 of us are travelling together at once, and in instances where we have a lot to carry (or carry home when purchased), a car is more practical. But again it puts us off even coming to Wellington when it's difficult to find a park, then there's a big cost to the parking. My husband literally left Wellington on a recent weekday when his parking ran out, when he actually wanted to stay and visit somewhere else. But had already

paid \$9 for parking, after taking 22 mins to find a park.

There are always going to be people who need or prefer to use a car to visit Wellington city. Please remember the responsibility you hold to Greater Wellington in your decision making too.

No

524 - Eric Fairbairn: I disagree with the proposal. It is simply a money generating exercise. Given the concerns about the way such parking places are managed, I have little confidence in the fairness of the proposal.

No

525 - Lesley Fairbairn: I disagree with the proposal. The rationale is spurious, it is a revenue generating venture which penalises car users coming into the city.

No

526 - Stacey Parbhu :

Today I parked for free in the city. I spend \$30 at Customs, \$165 at Kilt, and \$45 at Moore Wilson's. I checked out Nood for future purchases, and added \$400 of Kowtow clothing to my wish list (I've been wanting to try things on for a few weeks!)

I moved the car 3 times to facilitate easier parking for my less abled friend. I spent 3.5 hours in the city in total.

I support paid parking, but I support paid parking in excess of 2 hours, and for max of 4 hours. I would pay to occupy a car space for longer than 2 hours, as walking about the city usually cuts the 2 hour limit pretty close--I then rush to leave the city as by that point parking is a premium (can't re park) and I don't wish to be ticketed.

I feel spending hundreds at local retailers justifies parking for a couple of hours in the CBD. If I were to take public transport in, it would take significantly longer, and I don't imagine I would have 'popped into' Kilt and spent so much. I'd be paying for 10 mins parking and grabbing the item I'd been going in for. I drive for convenience, so I don't have to spend a whole morning getting to and from home. I also suffer from car sickness, and the bus is the less desirable option, especially with the new blue lighting.

I hope this intention for paid parking is reconsidered. At the very least, I hope paid parking is extended to 4 hours. I previously resided in Palmerston North for 8 years, and removing free parking had a significant impact on local CBD businesses. We chose instead to shop online, or at the mall, and supported cafes which retained free parking- usually outside of the CBD. Palmerston North ended up with parking paid only between 11am and 3pm - thereby allowing peak traffic to be discouraged, while encouraging early risers and shopping early, which for most retailers is the quiet part of the day.

No

527 - Junko Mausi:

I am shocked to know weekend parking fee is going to introduce soon.

I know it's awful to find the parking space on weekends and especially rainy day like last Saturday. It took us 20mins round and round to get one. At that time, I thought it would be a solution....

My suggestions :

*Family weekend bus fee!

When one adult travel with one child is is One Adult fee only.

Extra kid is half price.

*Weekend bus fee, eg. 3 dollars travel within 4 hours from the first swipe.

If someone needs to do eg. Shopping, lunch with friends etc. They could ask a driver for a weekend 4 hour trip fee before swiping. It should not take much time for drivers. Then more people go for lunch, movie, shopping in the city, means more money will be spent because going to city is affordable.

No

528 - Dianne Roberts: I have just experienced trying to pay a parking bay in Wellington last week. This is not the first time but I ended up ringing the Council and telling them the parking machine was out of order. The man (Robin) suggested I pay him with my credit card over the phone. This I did only to return to my car about 1 1/2 hours later to find the other cars also parked in the same street and gave up on paying did not have tickets. Why am I penalized for ringing. Since the earthquake Wellington is short of car parks and if you want people to come into the City I suggest you encourage not discourage or businesses will be the next to complain that they are struggling. I do take the train when convenient to do so but this is not always an option when other areas are needed to be visited and only a car will suffice. To have no parking fees in the weekend is definitely an encouragement to visit the city.

No

529 - Margaret Wallace: I strongly recommend that free parking remain in the city on Sunday mornings until 1 pm and on religious days such as ANZAC Day, Good Friday and Christmas Day. Although many of the city churches have some parking on site it is insufficient for the people who attend their services. Bus services are either non existent or infrequent on a Sunday morning particularly earlier in the day. The churches are involved with much social work in the city such as providing food to food banks and social activities in city council apartment buildings. I believe the parishioners of the following churches would be affected if parking fees were applicable on a Sunday morning: St Pauls Cathedral Molesworth St St Mary of the Angels Boulcott St St Andrews on the Terrace St John's in the City Dixon St Baptist Church Boulcott St The parishioners of some of these churches are having to raise funds for building strengthening work so are being stretched financially. They are also involved with providing goods and assistance for refugee families settling in the city.

No

530 - Natasha Simeonidis: This is a ridiculous proposition. Weekend fees will NOT 'encourage higher turnover of parking spaces so that more people are able to access the city'. It will gradually kill off people coming into the city on weekends, and they will go elsewhere. As a person who has family members and friends with small children, the introduction of parking fees will put them off coming into Wellington for our weekend events, markets, and the like - as it's just not feasible for them to use public transport to come into the city. They need to use their vehicles. Speaking to my girlfriends about this, it would put them off coming into the city in the weekends for shopping, hair and beauty needs and they will instead be going elsewhere, e.g. to suburbs, malls, etc. Having the status quo of no parking fees on weekends is the best way forward, to maintain our thriving Wellington retailing and events. Please, do not introduce weekend parking fees... !

No

531 - Charles Fordham: I do not support WCC charging for street car parking during the weekends. I believe it would be a retrograde step as it would impact costs associated with our worship with Arise Church at MFC most Sundays

No

532 - Kate Lam Sam: Please leave it how it is. Rates are bound to rise anyway.

No

533 - Michael Smith: This is just another case of WCC trying to milk everything for what it's worth. If it is not broken why change it? There will be no incentive to go into the city when Petone and malls offer free parking in the weekend. I know I will just do my business there, where the parks are plentiful and free.

Yes

534 - Martijn van der Tol: I think the introduction of parking fees on weekends should offset the cost of free public transport on the weekends (or reduced fees).

No

537 - Helen Theodorou: Leave a good thing as it is This suits a lot of us just stopping briefly in the city

No

538 - Paul Ramsay: I do not support this change because it will further reduce social interaction and business in the inner-city during the weekend. I believe that the current parking arrangements are appropriate

and that there is not a sufficiently strong or well-considered rationale for any further change beyond a desire to increase parking revenues for the Council. It will further limit the feasibility of gatherings in the inner city by community, non-profit, church, and other groups - who are already impacted by the limited parking available - and will negatively affect their members (many of whom are on fixed incomes or are limited in the transport options available to them) and the services offered. If the Council still wishes to proceed with this change, then I would ask you to exempt these groups for at least the first two hours during the weekend (as it is at present). All that would be required is for these groups to display a sticker or permit registered with Council on their windscreen. St Johns in the City Presbyterian Church, for example, issues its members with a permanent and distinctive yellow sticker to display on their vehicles when they are parked on the church grounds, and other groups could do the same. From a business perspective, any further restrictions on parking will further impact on turnover. I am involved in two inner-city retail businesses, and this change certainly can't be regarded as beneficial! Thank you for your consideration.

No

539 - Andrew Simkin: Parking in the CBD has become increasingly difficult with the lack of parks and car parking buildings closing. Charging for parking will only add to challenge of visitors coming to the CBD. It will hurt retail, and push visitors out to the Hutt and Porirua. Parking as a whole needs addressing, and not in a piecemeal way of revenue gathering. The question isn't should we charge for weekend parking, the question is, what are we doing to solve the problem? Taking the MFC car park for a temporary building is another sign that the council is out of touch with commuters.

No

540 - Remco de Ket: I come to Wellington city only during the weekends. This proposal would see me change that to never coming. I appreciate that balancing the Council budget is extremely challenging however, introducing parking fees in the weekend is a sure way to erode your commercial rating base. It is very likely that fewer people will come into town in the weekends which will drive the value of the commercial real estate down because of the reduced turnover. This will, in turn, drive businesses out of central Wellington and thus lead to a significant impoverishment of the CBD which will lead to even fewer people bothering to come into the CBD in the weekend. What Wellington City Council are proposing is to begin a death spiral for the sake of short term gain. I can't think of a more short sighted and ill considered proposal. What would make more sense is to extend the maximum free parking time from 2 hrs to 4 hrs so as to encourage the punters to stay in town and spend their hard earned money with CBD retailers. If things are so desperate for the council you could always introduce a fee after 4 hrs. This is easy to police with the sensors under the cars at every parking spot. This also gives people a choice; they can move their car after 4 hrs or pay a fee for the convenience of staying parked where they are.

No

542 - Neil Dodgson: Saturday and Sunday are very different in flavour to other days of the week. On Sunday, a significant number of people attend churches in the city centre in the morning between 9 and 12. At this time there are always parking spaces available, so there is no need to be concerned about lack of spaces. Those people have vacated the spaces by lunchtime, so there is no concern about turnover. There is a case for parking charges to be introduced from 12 noon onwards on Sundays. The City Council should consider the church communities who use the city centre on Sunday morning noting that the older and less mobile citizens who attend church often have it as the single significant social event of their week.

No

543 - Steve Pang: As a ratepayer, weekend parking is a core service provided that is a joy. WCC is stripping away service after service and as ratepayers, no tangible benefits can be seen or felt. Without weekend parking, Queensgate and North City will become shopping centres of choice for Wellingtonians living in the suburbs.

Yes

544 - Lauree Rickard: Primarily yes but there needs to be discretion for people parking near to the Vegetable and fruit market between Willis and Victoria Street on Sunday mornings. People go there to save money buying veges etc at a good price. Parking may put some people off.

No

545 - Lorraine Smith: Wellington central city shopping area is dying a slow death largely through lack of parking. The bus service is used by very few and the new hub system appears not to be working. Not many people will bike into town to shop. Judging by the traffic in the Hutt most shoppers are travelling to the Hutt

where they can park easily and for free. Now charges are to be introduced ? Does Wellington really want to lose key retailers such as David Jones? The council can push for more and more intensification of central city living but is the infrastructure up to it? I understand we now have septic tanks in Taranaki St. Developers build high volume low quality apartments as that is much more profitable than the alternatives. A vibrant central city with an active retail and arts scene is what has always made Wellington great. Loss of weekend parking another nail in the coffin

No
546 - Grace Duxfield: NO

No
547 - Leazer Olliver: Being able to visit Wellington and not have to pay for parking is not fair on those on lower wages and would decrease the amount of people coming in who otherwise wouldn't. I can honestly say, that paying for parking within the city during the week is already atrocious with the amount that car parks charge, let alone the councils trying to money grab too. It makes sense to charge the shop owners in their rates rather than those travelling there. Almost like its a 'marketing' strategy of sorts. As someone who lives in the outer suburbs, I honestly wouldn't consider going into Wellington central for anything unless I absolutely HAD to. So charges on a weekend is a huge deterrent for me.

No
548 - Rupert Ablett-Hampson: The proposal pushes the cost of CBD amenities maintenance from local businesses to visitors to the city centre. The local businesses are those that profit from the weekend visitors so it seems somewhat unfair to have them meet the amenities cost too.

No
549 - Josh Fawcett: Buses are useless now, completely unreliable. Free parking in the weekend brings shoppers to the city and increases shopping/buying activity to support local businesses. If you make it more expensive to go shopping then people will just buy things online from overseas.

No
550 - James Willis: I strongly disagree with the proposal to introduce weekend parking fees in the CBD. I believe this will significantly impact local businesses to an extent that many will close down. This will drive people out of the centre city and to other shopping areas such as Iyall bay, Petone, Lower Hutt and Porirua. When the City's public transport system is struggling so much at the moment any more pressure on this will not be beneficial. It will surely succeed in reducing the number of cars in the central city but will even more so reduce the number of people in the central city over the weekend. Wellington does not want to become a copy of an American suburb where the city centres are quiet over the weekend and the Malls in the suburbs flourish. This is not the direction our city wants to be moving in.

No
551 - Jonathon MacKenzie: As a frequent user of parking along Thorndon Quay and Oriental Parade, I don't feel that there is sufficient justification for charging in this area over the entire weekend. Maybe consider adjusting the times for paid parking from 10 til 4 and only in the actual CBD, as a start. This will allow parents who use these parks for quality weekend family time, to not have to worry about paying for their parking too. I myself don't like having to pay for parking at the best of times. The ability to park for up to 2 hours on the weekends makes visiting the city much more accessible and inviting. Any move to charge for parking on weekends will discourage people from travelling to the CBD and move their custom to online shopping, or to Queensgate/North City. This will ultimately result in a decline in support for small and local businesses. Not only for retail stores, but also the myriad of eateries across the city. I myself will move to the free parking around Petone for my weekly post swim/ballet brunch. Also, as a ratepayer, I'm sure there are other ways that the council could recoup the costs. E.g. Reduce the frequency of councillors/staff using 'free parking' by paying on their corporate phones.

No
552 - Olga Polishchuk: As a driver i think the working days fees are high as they are and the fuel prices arw rising constantly, there is introduction of increase in road taxes. The only relieve from all the payments is the weekend when we get a free 2hr parking which is not much anyway. It will divert people from coming to cbd over the weekend which will affect shopping and businesses profits. Most other successful countries make weekends as nice and apealing to their people as they can with lots of freebies. Why are you considering taking away that littlr free stuff that we have. Arent our 30+% taxes are not enough for you?

No

553 - Richard Read: This submission represents the view of the Session (i.e. the leadership team) of St John's in the City Presbyterian Church. Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission about the proposal for introducing weekend parking fees. We do not support the changes to weekend parking fees as proposed. We do not support fees for parking during the weekend as this represents a direct cost to people who wish to be part of our church community through joining together for worship on Sunday mornings. Worshipping communities of any faith are part of the inner city vitality of Wellington and paying for parking on weekends will discourage that. Some of our parishioners have constrained incomes and are less physically mobile and rely on the use of cars to get to church. With regard to the reason for the proposed parking fees being to 'transfer the cost of maintaining city centre amenities from local businesses paying the Downtown Levy to those who use the parking spaces'. We note that the Downtown Levy is listed on the Council website as 'Marketing and events, retail and tourism activities, and inner city vitality.' It appears inconsistent with the weekend parking proposal that refers to 'maintaining city centre amenities'. Our church facility provides the amenities required of our parishioners and for anyone who wishes to join or worship services. Our church is already paying rates as part of providing our own amenities which we share. Our facilities also provide some off street parking for parishioners to help minimise the use of on street parks. Weekend parking fees will encourage others to use our parks to avoid paying for council parks and this will cause further distress to our people wishing to attend Sunday worship. If parking fees must be introduced, we suggest either beginning the paid parking time after worships services, say from 12:30pm on Sundays, or enable worshipping communities to provide Council approved parking fee exempt labels for cars of their members for the duration of worship services.

No

555 - Courtenay Parkes: I have little doubt that any feedback will change the proposed charges. Consultation by Councils is generally a farce. However I still feel it is important to add my weight to the majority that oppose such a charge. Wellington central business district is dying. There appears little reason to come into town, it all seems a bit too difficult. Add paid parking and you provide even less of an incentive. I might as well head to the Hutt or North city where parking is free and I can load several things into my car. I also think that the Council need to be very open about the amount of submissions against.

No

556 - Laura Unasa: As a regular user of the city car parks - I definitely won't be as keen to come into the city. We have our church at the Michael Fowler Centre and over 2500 people attend each Sunday and that brings a lot of business into the city on Sundays for shopping at retail, cafes and other places and I know it will put a limit on the amount of time will now stay in the city. A time limit is fine! But paying - totally unnecessary.

No

557 - Mark Graham: I think this idea is ridiculous and greedy. You are already double charging for spaces with the implementation of the parking sensors so you could use this 'extra revenue' to continue to provide free weekend parking. For example, if I pay for two hours worth of parking, leave after an hour, the sensor in the parking space sets the time back to zero. The next poor soul then comes and pays again for the time I have already paid for! At least be honest and say you want to generate some more revenue. Don't portray it as a way to 'ensure more access to parking by ensuring turnover of spaces blah blah. You receive a parking ticket if you overstay the time you have paid in a park so don't try and sell the public on that tripe. Stop being Wellington Greedy Council. This is a terrible idea and my feeling is there is likely to be no rates reduction, simply a way to line pockets even more with extortionate parking charges. Warm Regards, Mark Graham

No

558 - Jane Byrne: I think this is a punitive idea which will drive people out of the CBD further and into the Malls in Lower Hutt and Porirua! Please seriously consider the CBD retailers and your citizens.

Yes

559 - Celia Goldsmith: I think this is a fantastic move to support a shift away from reliance on cars toward greener transport including public transport, cycling, walking etc. To help support the change it is also essential to provide safe and high amenity public transport, cycling and walking facilities.

No

560 - Suzanne Higton: Although weekend parking in theory is a good idea to help put money back into the city, until there are significant improvements to the public transport system, I do not believe it is fair to penalise people who bring their car into town on the weekends. My partner and I both work in the city and walk every

day to work but enjoy visiting town with the car on weekends. If the bus service was more frequent and reliable, we would consider taking the bus instead. Additionally, if cycling was made safer in the central city, again we would consider this as an option. I think the Council will lose a significant amount of weekend retail from out of town shoppers should a charge be imposed. There is currently zero incentive for those who don't live in the city centre to use public transport. If improvements are made to this, then I think a charge for weekend parking would be justified.

No

561 - David Allard: I submit that introducing weekend parking fees would be a mistake and would drive people out of the city centre at weekends. Currently the attraction for me, living out in Tawa as I do, is that I can come into town at the weekend to do a morning boxing class, or go for brunch, or shop in town without having to pay for a park. With paid parking, even a nominal fee, I would stay in the suburbs where there is free parking, or go to the Hutt or Porirua shopping centres where parking is free. The current two hour time limit ensures there is sufficient turn over of car parks, and there is only a reasonable level of difficulty in finding a park in busy areas at peak times and it is always possible to find a park within walking distance of where you want to go. I believe this will have a serious impact on the number of people shopping and heading into Wellington at the weekend with the associated economic impact.

No

562 - Geoff Sue: I feel that introducing parking fees will be to the detriment of local businesses. More people, such as myself, will head out of town for shopping and entertainment purposes (I am not a business person nor am I associated with any local businesses). This is a complex issue and has many related facets - such as the lack of other parking options in the CBD, a public transport service that is struggling, inadequate parking for inner-city residents (all new builds should be forced to include parking based on the size of the dwelling - e.g. 1 bedroom must have a single off-street car space, a 3 bedroom must have two, there must be adequate off-street parking for visitors to the dwelling). If the parking fees are to go ahead: I understand that the local businesses are already subsidizing the free weekend parking - does this mean they will get a reduction in their Downtown Levy? If part of the aim is to encourage higher turnover of parking spaces, prices should be kept the same as during the week days to ease the confusion around how much parking is in certain areas (i.e. one price model). Commitment to additional parking - i.e. additional fees should be directed to appropriate parking services that allow people to stay for longer in the city (e.g. for movies and meals, events that are on - 2 hours is not a long time) Additional parking should remain under the control of the council and not out-sourced to 3rd parties (such as Wilsons, Care Park) who are in it to make money only. The council should detail how much the additional parking fees will keep the rates down by - e.g. how much does it actually mean to the average ratepayer in dollars - 'help keep rates increases to a minimum' is very vague. Fees for parking methods should be removed (i.e. if paying by credit card or text a park). Parkers are already having to pay for the park, just roll the service fee into it.

No

563 - Catharine Underwood: One of the things I love about Wellington is the free weekend parking. It is something that is different. The car parks are full enough during the week to make funds for the council. I do believe that being strict on the time limits would be more beneficial. Golden mile retailers must be quivering at the potential loss of business. The council has already upped its coffers with the minimum fee of \$1 in town regardless of the parking zone. It was brought in to keep taxis out of car parks. Fat lot of use that has been. Just another money making exercise. The council has already removed all the car parks are the MFC, is removing over 50% of the car parks in Thorndon Quay and the new bus network is not faring well. Is this move being instigated to cover that loss of funds? We as rate payers put up with a huge amount of detritus thrown at us by council staff who think they know better. Lets not kick city car park users while they are down with weekend fees for parking. I ride a bike and use a street car park about once or twice a month mainly in the weekends so potentially am not affected. I still believe that it will inconvenience many people and the cash grab won't be worth the good will. I quote from the propaganda 'It is anticipated that the weekend fees will encourage higher turnover of parking spaces so that more people are able to access the city' How can this be when there is a time limit on car parks which was introduced to create turnover!!!!!! Did anyone read what was being said before publishing it? Don't do it.

Yes

564 - Blaine Minne: 1st hour free, thereafter charges as per normal schedule to a max time frame of 3 hours in any 1 space.

No

565 - Michelle Dawson: I work in Wellington Central and live in Porirua, however enjoy coming into the city for shopping on the weekends. If parking is now going to be charged for then i'm going to stop shopping in the city and shop in Porirua which will affect the turnover of the shops in Wellington, i do feel sorry for the shop owners in the city, you are driving away their customers. Living costs are expensive enough as it is.

No

566 - Alice Ostyke: The 2 hour maximum has allowed for the turn around of parks and you charge readily - so making it a fee on the weekend does not promote more parks. You sold carparks to Willson which has limited our parking. Our public transport is pretty horrific - this needs to be fixed before charging drivers.

No

567 - Andrew Brodie: This is a crazy idea. The shops already struggle enough competing against online retailers. There is already a time limit of car parks so this won't create turnover. The charges have already increased with the \$1 for 15 minutes minimum. It didn't stop the taxis....

No

568 - Stella Anderson: WCC should not be introducing weekend parking fees. Instead, it should be looking for ways to reduce costs and eliminate wasteful spending.

No

570 - Peter Scott: Family time, shopping time, social time. ...all businesses benefit .

No

571 - David Allard: I submit that introducing weekend parking fees would be a mistake and would drive people out of the city centre at weekends. The current two hour time limit ensures there is sufficient turn over of car parks. I believe this will have a serious impact on the number of people shopping and heading into Wellington at the weekend with the associated economic impact. We would avoid coming into the city and spending money if a parking fee was introduced. We would avoid events in Wellington as these costs mount up. The current two hour limit works well and our rates should already be sufficient to cover the cost of monitoring the limits.

Yes

572 - Patrick Morgan: This is a sensible change. It will provide better use of parking spaces, promote turnover, and align parking costs with benefits. One question - why not make weekend rates the same as weekdays? That would seem to be fair and simple.

No

573 - Fiona Cockerill-Ghanem: I can see that you would think this was a good idea as it will create revenue for the council. I am glad to see that, by making weekend parking cost money, Wellington City Council will be supporting Porirua City and Hutt City as everyone will rather go to these areas as they can park for FREE. The potential of this new initiative will also be contributing to the global warming as people will be using their cars for longer journeys by going out to these cities as it will FREE parking. Hardly sustainable for the environment in my mind!! I really don't know why I am bothering to submit as it is a well known fact that Wellington City Council never takes into consideration the rate payers views. But thanks for the fake opportunity!!!

No

574 - Christine Waite: I'll just come even less in the weekend even though our own shopping area is a toilet in Johnsonville just a budget pop up shops and drop in place for colonies of blue rinses to get a free coffee and somewhere for young parents to release their rugrats to runaround for group date for zippo the clown in the school holidays there's nowhere fresh or classy to take a friend for coffee even Churton Park and Tawa shopping areas have a few options. A but now we have Petone and Porirua with excellent shopping and parking I just go there. The only shops I go to in Wellington already have their own parking such as Moore Wilsons. Too bad for any light entertainment ... cafes and cinema I'll just have to go to Hutt or Porirua even more now.

No

575 - Judi Maddever: It's hard enough parking in the city at weekends and the buses are now next to useless so if it's implemented I'll just drive to the Hutt or Porirua where I can get free parking. It's not supporting struggling retailers in the city proposing these fees. Council would do better spending less on vanity projects than introducing these fees.

No

577 - Margaret Halton: Fewer people will come into the city and retailers will suffer. I certainly will choose to go to suburban centres rather than park in town. Reasonable turnover of spaces can be achieved by enforcing the existing time limits without resorting to fees.

No

578 - Graydon Armstrong: I live on The Terrace, where \$2.5/hr weekend parking rates are being proposed. I'm opposed to the proposal; this would discourage friends from outer suburbs from visiting on weekends, and that's the sort of thing that affects the livability of the city centre. People who are coming into the city centre to patronise businesses here might often only be in for a couple hours, so wouldn't be as strongly impacted, but if I have friends coming over for the afternoon, they should pay for several hours of parking so that businesses can get a break on the downtown levy? I think it's reasonable to charge for parking when and where it's in high demand, but The Terrace is pretty dead on weekends. If council does go ahead with charging for weekend parking (which I don't think it should), I think at least that the rate should be lower on The Terrace (and probably some other streets where the weekend demand bears little relation to the weekday demand), and/or the full-day rate should be much lower, like equivalent of 4 hours at hourly rates.

No

579 - Janine Maddison: I would stop coming to the city if I had to pay for parking. I work in Porirua and only go to the city at weekends or after car parking fees finish on a week day and the money I would usually spend would be spent in the suburbs if I had to pay for parking.

No

580 - Alice Taylor: It is prohibitive to those on a low income and with mobility issues like myself. The bus change has been a nightmare to navigate with buses failing to turn up on time and been so unreliable plus now I can no longer get to university easily or anywhere else without issues. I will be reliant on my flatmates car and parking in town to get to events etc. parking costs will keep me out of town. Thank you for your consideration.

No

581 - Susan Watson: Come on WCC. NO!! It's not just for the shops. We want to come in to walk along the water front and play at the parks, and have coffee. It's a really 'feel good' thing to be able to park for free. ESPECIALLY for a family. I'm a mother of four kids including twins and it's just not that easy in public transport. Please, please, leave the free parking.

No

582 - Ken Quarrie: The proposed increase to parking charges has been justified on the basis of (amongst other factors) 'to help keep rates increases to a minimum'. If the city council wants to avoid increasing rates there are other means that they could do so - decrease planned spending for example. If the rationale is accurate then the public, on which this burden is going to be placed, should be told why other means to avoid rates increases are being ignored. At first glance this looks like a naked cash grab, can the City Council honestly say that this increase is proportionate and necessary. If it can it should be able to defend itself and lay out these reasons. I would submit the City Council should be required to provide these reasons in a public forum. If it cannot then these proposed changes should be delayed until the next local elections in order that the public has a say on an expense that hitherto has not been seen as necessary, or at least discussed in public.
Tom Caramore & Ken Quarrie Ratepayers

No

583 - Emele-Moa Makisi: Absolutely against introduction of weekend parking fees. Are we really that desperate for money as a community. Weekends is typically family time where we can spend time together enjoying eateries and shopping stores. Adding on parking fees during this time just makes that less appealing and also highly restrictive. Please rethink on how to make money off tax payers

No

584 - May Guise: This is really disappointing. I park in the weekend in the city frequently under the 2 hour limits that apply and currently work well. In fact it's one of the only times I can park in the city given congestion during the week. Introducing hourly parking fees at a time when public transport is in disarray per the Regional Council's new operating model is particularly frustrating. I am also very surprised to learn about this proposal, by accident through a search for other purposes. Given I regularly park in town, I would have thought this would be advertised and public consultation undertaken directly with drivers and families who will be significantly affected from shopping in town and accessing cafes. I urge you to reconsider this proposal.

Yes

585 - Dave Wills: I agree with this because I live in Upper Hutt. The introduction of parking fees to the Wellington CBD will mean a boost to the economies of Lower Hutt and Upper Hutt cities, this is because people will refuse to park in Wellington City during weekends, killing the retail and entertainment sector and encouraging people to stay/travel to the Hutt Valley which will become the more favoured, more accessible area where people can spend their money in retail stores and not into parking meters. So, from the residents and retailers of the Hutt Valley, we applaud this initiative and thank you.

No

586 - Jono Jackson: To Whom it may concern, I appreciate your consideration of my submission in relation to the proposed implementation of additional weekend parking fees in Wellington. Many churches meet on a Sunday in the CBD and their attendees rely on free on street parking in the city during this time. It is my belief that this change to parking in the CBD has the potential to have a detrimental impact on church attendance. This among other factors will most definitely have some economic fallout on businesses in the CBD. Many people who would otherwise frequent the Wellington CBD during the week are regularly in the city on Sundays to attend churches. With the current free parking in place, these people currently go out in the city for lunch and do their shopping etc. on a Sunday. I do not believe that church attendees will simply jump ship as soon as parking fees are added to the CBD, however I do believe that it is a fairly logical assumption to make that once people have attended church they will think twice about hanging around in a place where they will continue to be charged to park. They will go elsewhere to eat and shop. I am sure that you would have already considered the negative impact that this plan could have on many other organisations and groups across the city. This submission would like to bring to your attention that this small change could harm the attendance of churches in Wellington and impact the city economically. I appreciate the time you have taken to consider my submission. I hope that you will carefully consider it as our city seeks to move forward into the future. Warm regards, Jono Jackson Wellington regional manager ARISE Church

No

587 - Julius Maxwell: 1) There are plenty of paid parking options in the inner city already to accommodate preferential parking. 2) Public transport is great, but only up to point in one's circumstance. E.g. travelling to and from the inner city with a toddler, infant, baggage + buggy in tow is stressful and not practical for many families. Driving is the only practical option. Please don't add an extra financial burden on families who are just trying to enjoy the benefits and recreation of an already great city on their days off.

Yes

588 - James Burgess: We support the proposal. We see three positive 'behaviour change' effects: - more people choosing to use public or active transport for weekend visits to the CBD - better availability of the existing roadside parks for those who need to drive - paid off-street parking becomes relatively more attractive (even if prices go up by the same amount, the comparison is no longer 'free vs paid'). As a result, the CBD might feel less car-dominated at weekends. Fewer drivers will 'circle the block' in the CBD searching for roadside parks. There'll be less traffic to cycle amongst, and less pollution and congestion. We'd love more support for people deciding whether to drive or walk/bike to the CBD at the weekend, for their whole journey or after parking further away. Two things that would help: - more crossing time and priority when crossing roads - better biking facilities - especially safer-feeling ways to get across the CBD.

No

589 - Roger Wigglesworth: This submission represents the view of the leadership team of the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul. We want to thank the Council for providing clarity about its purpose and intention regarding the reintroduction of weekend parking charges in the city and for inviting submissions on that. We support, in part, the proposal as it provides a means of raising funds to enhance, revitalise and market our city (including places of prominence such as our Cathedral). Our objections to the full proposal are based on the potential impact of the changes on members of our congregation and those visitors to the city who attend our regular Sunday worship services. The majority of our parishioners do not live in Thorndon and therefore most of them drive to attend services at the Cathedral. The Cathedral does have some parking spaces that are available free for congregational members during the weekend (but these are not always sufficient for all worshippers to have off-street parking). Moreover, a number of our congregation are elderly and find parking on the street a more convenient and safer way to park and then enter the Cathedral. It would be unfair to charge those people, most of whom are pensioners, for attending divine worship simply because their frailty determines that the best place to park is in Molesworth Street alongside the Cathedral. A consequence of such charges may be that they are forced to forgo church attendance and so forsake the spiritual and social benefits of regular churchgoing. The Cathedral is used as a place of worship not only on Sundays but often on

Saturdays (and weekdays) as well. For example, on 17 November this year the annual diocesan-wide hui and ordination service will take place, attended by up to 1000 people. In the past we have been able to rely on our own parking and nearby parking in Molesworth, Hill and Aitken Streets, to accommodate the large number of worshippers who will attend those day-long events. Your proposal would significantly affect our ability to host such events even though our role as a Cathedral and seat of the Bishop requires that we be the centre for such diocesan occasions. On Saturday mornings, when we do not have diocesan events, the Cathedral hosts a farmers' market in our Hill Street carpark - the market's customers use Molesworth Street to park. We see other potential impacts from charging for parking. As mentioned above, we do have parking on Cathedral land but, knowing that it is free parking, it is likely that shoppers, retail staff and tourists will fill our carparks - and so deny our parishioners the use of those parks - unless the church pays for parking enforcement during the hours the parks are available free to Cathedral users, which would be a prohibitive cost. So our preference would be that the parks in Molesworth Street between Lambton Quay and Hawkestone Street, Aitken Street and Hill Street up to Guildford Terrace remain free for parking during weekends. However, recognising that may not also be the Council's first preference, if parking fees must be introduced, we suggest that: * either, the paid parking time is imposed outside worship service times, i.e. from 12:30pm - 4.30pm (we have a regular 5.00pm service) on Sundays; * or, those who are worshipping at the Cathedral have access to Council-approved parking fee exempt labels for their vehicles for the duration of worship services (including the social time that follows each service).

No

590 - Richard Field-Dodgson: Whilst there may be a desire to (a) collect revenue and (b) allow for greater turn-over of cars parking (and I suspect the former is the more important to the Council) I feel very strongly that a parking charge will discourage people from coming into the CBD on a weekend. In all probability it will encourage shoppers to go out to the suburbs (Lower Hutt especially). It will also be a disincentive for anyone wishing to take advantage of and enjoy City Council facilities etc. Finally, on a Sunday and as an inner-city church goer myself, it will most certainly penalise those who attend services or other 'church related' events (weddings, funerals etc). In my opinion, a retrograde step.

No

592 - Tim Hill: Parking hassles and costs are further discouraging myself and many others from heading into the city at the weekend. Already I feel captive to the parking companies should I need to stay longer than the 2 hours or simply not be able to find anything. I do feel it is fair to for businesses to be paying through rates - as they directly benefit from more people in the city and more in the city longer over the weekend. Businesses have a choice of opening in the weekend to take advantage of the public with free time to shop being around. The city should be encouraging and making it easier for more people to be in the city centre in the weekend - on every day, not harder and more expensive.

No

593 - Jono Jackson: To whom it may concern, I am making this submission on behalf of Equippers Church in Wellington. They were unable to make this submission themselves due to time constraints. Equippers would like to voice their concern with the proposed weekend parking fees. They believe that imposing weekend parking fees in the CBD could have a negative impact on them. Warm regards, Jono Jackson Wellington Management ARISE Church

No

595 - Guest Woods: On the back of the poor bus services to and from Karori I feel like paid parking will be a hit to those who wish to travel to the city from the suburb. As someone who works in the CBD I am more likely to stay away from the city on the weekend and would utilise either online shopping or popping to the shops during my working week when I am already in town. I feel like weekday and weekend rates will be confusing to the public. There has been no advertisement of the hours of the paid parking? For example if wanting to be in the city at 8am on a Saturday would this be no charge, or if wanting to go for dinner at 8pm would this have a charge?

No

596 - Tony Hastings: I attend St Johns-in-the-City in Willis Street which has a widespread congregation. They live in many Wellington suburbs, with some living outside Wellington City, e.g. Wainuiomata. The greater majority of them are unable to use public transport, and so must rely in their own private cars. As with most of the inner city churches, there is little off street parking, and so church attendees must use on street parking. If parking charges are introduced, this will, in many cases, cause members of the congregation on limited incomes to reduce their weekly church giving. This would almost inevitably cause to churches (St. Johns and

others based in the city)) to reduce the amount available for outreach projects. Is the committee aware of the Outreach Funding that all churches make to charities etc in Wellington City? These include Downtown Community Ministry, Presbyterian Support Central, Boys and Girls Institute (BGI) Wellington, Christians Against Poverty (CAP) based at the Street Church, Resettling Refugees, Women's Health Collective, Wellington Rape Crisis, Churches Education Commission, Inter-church Hospital Chaplaincy, Dixon Street Flats Cafe, 'Out of the Gate' Program for those released from Arohata Prison, being a few. Please exam closely the impact on introducing Sunday parking charges. If they must be introduced, could I suggest that the first two hours remain free, which would greatly reduce the impact on church congregations.

No

597 - David and Margaret Galt: We are members of St John's in the City Church in Willis St, a church operating in Willis St since 1853, with a category one historic building on site.

Parking is difficult in this area and already restricts the number of people able to attend the Church.

Its is a Church with a membership spread across demographics, with many young families and many older people, both with limited resources. These charges will deter them from attending and have the effect of:

- Reducing numbers attending worship on Sunday morning
- Weakening our ability to raise the \$4m needed for needed earthquake strengthening of our historic building with fewer people to fund it
- Reducing important social services and support - for members of the community in the Church and those helped by us, forinstance in services provided to people in the Dixon St flats

We request you to:

- preferably do not introduce these charges on Sundays; or
- provide an exemption scheme for those attending worship services which could be supported by issuing car stickers; or
- Set the charges at a nil or lower level on Sundays between 9.30 am and 1 pm.

No

598 - Michelle & Alan Wolland: Confirming I strongly do NOT support this proposed change.

1. More people are parking in the street due to the removal of reasonable weekend rates that were available in parking buildings for more than 2 hrs parking. Which is a result of the competition leaving town; back to the good old Wilson monopoly on Wellington parking buildings. Therefore becoming more expense for weekend parking.
2. We are not in Australia or any other country, WCC support the living wage therefore why are we charging \$22.50 for a day's parking in the weekend.
3. The free parking has seen people pop into town where they would not off. Or stop as travelling across town.
4. It's not just 2.50 .. it's 2.50 plus card fees.
 - a. We need to support the businesses; how can they compete with free parking in the Hutt or Porirua? Te Papa; Museums; movies etc we want people to come; educate and have fun with their children at these places.
 - b. the recreational events; the sports and the cultural events in Wellington during the weekend and ensure all Wellingtonians have the same opportunities (isn't this what the living wage is about?) and help people who work in town in the weekend to be safe.
5. And please we want the visitors to come back to wellington, not leave town with a sour taste in their mouth as they're ended up with a parking fine because they did not have enough cash to put money in the meter.
6. Don't break something that is working; a little something/reward that is still free for everyday people. Something that doesn't discriminate by what you earn. Take the stress out of the weekends.

Improve it - yes - Thorndon in the weekend has many weekend workers – and coupon parks that only allows

2 hrs parking ... (which aren't been used ...could the time length be extended ?)

Or more parks in the weekend that allow 3 hrs parking ?? movie time ? sport time?

The most respectful improvement WCC can offer in their car parking buildings is having the car parking machines charge for actual time used not the nearest hour ...again this would be in line with the living wage concept. (in this time and age of technology? why not?!!)

(and not through a third party who overinflated fees)

No

599 - Pedro Morgan : I am making this submission on behalf of the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club Inc. Neither I nor the Club agree with the proposed changes.

We were disappointed to learn of the proposal relatively recently. The proposal came to our attention not from the Council (despite the Council being well aware of our sensitivity to parking issues) but from a third party. Given the Council's recent engagement with us on other parking matters, I was surprised that we were not contacted directly.

You propose to introduce a \$1.50 per hour charge at the weekends between Herd Street and the Freyberg Pool. Some Council communications have promoted this as discounted parking rate, however as the weekday rate is also \$1.50 per hour, the proposed charge cannot fairly be described as 'discounted'.

The effect of the charges is that our members, volunteers, staff, and sailors would be required to pay for parking, as much as \$15 per day, where at present they can park for free. This will have a negative effect on our membership, and participation in the sport of sailing generally.

At present, our members, volunteers, staff, and sailors utilise on street parking, primarily on Oriental Parade, in the evenings (where parking is, for the most part, free and will remain so for now) and at the weekends.

The group I am most concerned about is our volunteers. A typical race day (normally a Saturday or Sunday) calls for a 6-8 hour contribution from a group of about 7 volunteers. Four volunteers will operate our race office, and three more will crew our rescue boat. A typical day will see this group arrive at 10 or 11 am, and remain until 5 or 6pm. During a regatta, a group of about 15 volunteers will arrive at about 8 am and remain until 6 or 7 pm.

We have about 25 weekend race days a year, plus at least six further regatta days per year. One effect of the parking charge proposal is therefore to ask our volunteers to pay as much as \$3,450 per year help run our sport. Unlike rugby and football, we require volunteers for long periods of time, and that already makes it difficult to find volunteers. It would be naive to think that these charges wont make it even harder to find volunteers. Without volunteers, our sport cannot operate safely.

I am also concerned about our staff, in particular the instructors at our sailing school. These instructors run learn to sail and sailing skills courses, and also deliver boating safety education (in the form of Coastguard Boating Education courses). Across a year, our instructors spend about 400 hours teaching at weekends. Therefore, one more effect of the parking charge proposal is to ask our staff to incur parking costs of up to \$600 per year while delivering boating education courses. An alternative is that we reimburse their costs, though this would require us to pass those costs on to clients. Note that our members already subsidise our education programmes, including for the general public.

You argue that parking fees will transfer the cost of maintaining city centre amenities from local businesses paying the Downtown Levy to those who use the parking spaces and help keep rates increases to a minimum. Some would argue that this is simply revenue raising. Certainly that is the view of our members.

You also argue that weekend fees will encourage higher turnover of parking spaces so that more people are able to access the city. With respect, this assumes that the turnover of car parks is the highest and best use of this resource, but that ignores the legitimate use of the parking resource by our members, volunteers, staff,

and sailors.

We have operated on this site and others on the central city harbour's edge for more than 135 years. The Council's earlier attempt to remove car parking from Oriental Parade and limit parking times, and the current proposal to introduce parking charges, discourage participation in the sport of sailing. Unlike other sports, which can operate from suburban playing fields and school facilities, we can only operate from the edge of the harbour. As the majority of our members' boats are at the Chaffers Marina and Clyde Quay Boat Harbour, we can really only operate from the central city. This means that our members, volunteers, staff and sailors will always have a need for day long parking near the central city water's edge.

As much as we would wish otherwise, we can never realistically expect to develop our own private parking resource in the vicinity of our Clubhouse.

I would like to make a submission in person to the Council. I would appreciate it if you would pass my request on to the relevant committee chair for their consideration.
