Priority Parking Enforcement Policy

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1 OUTCOMES

1.1 QPRC's primary focus is to promote community awareness and compliance regarding safe, efficient and responsible use of vehicle parking areas within the Local Government area.

1.2 QPRC acknowledges that demand for parking space varies throughout the local government area due to:

a) High levels of construction in the CBD areas
b) Accessibility of suitable parking for residents and office workers
c) High levels of construction in residential growth areas

1.3 This Policy outlines the hierarchy of parking enforcement priorities used by Council Rangers when undertaking parking enforcement activities throughout the Local Government Area.

1.4 This policy provides guidance to assist business, workers and visitors in maintaining safe and appropriate parking practices within Queanbeyan and surrounding areas.

2 POLICY

2.1 Council is vested with the authority to enforce parking restrictions within the Queanbeyan-Palerang Local Government Area. This enforcement will be undertaken in accordance with applicable Legislation and using the guidance and priorities set out in this policy.

3 SCOPE OF THE POLICY

3.1 This Policy applies to all areas within the Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council local government area.

4 DEFINITIONS

4.1 **School Area**- is to include public roads and open space in the immediate proximity of a public or private school, generally indicated by the area subject to reduced speed limit of 40km/h applicable to the school zone.

4.2 **Industrial Area**- is a designated, often heavily urbanised zone, zoned specifically for manufacturing, processing, factories, and warehouses, optimising for transportation and economic growth.

4.3 **Verge-** is the area between the road and the boundary of a property

4.4 **Long Vehicle-** is defined as a motor vehicle, including any trailer, caravan, or load, measuring 7.5 meters or longer.

4.5 **Heavy Vehicle-** A heavy vehicle is any motor vehicle or trailer with a Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) or Aggregate Trailer Mass (ATM) of more than 4.5 tonnes. This definition commonly includes trucks, buses, trailers, and specialised vehicles like cranes, livestock carriers, and road trains.

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5 LEGISLATIVE OBLIGATIONS AND/OR RELEVANT STANDARDS

5.1 Council Rangers are appointed as Authorised Officers- Class 12 under Schedule 2 of the Road Transport (General) Regulation 2021

5.2 Parking penalty amounts are set by the NSW State Government

5.3 Payment of parking fines is administered by Revenue NSW and is not a Council function

5.4 Other relevant legislation relating to parking enforcement includes:

- Local Government Act 1993
- Public Spaces (Unattended Properties) Act 2021
- NSW Road Rules, 2014

5.5 Ticketless Parking:

5.5.1 Council's parking enforcement program is undertaken in accordance with the "Ticketless Parking Reforms" introduced in 2025.

5.5.2 Council rangers will leave a notification on the vehicle when an infringement is issued unless one of the following exemptions apply:

- It was not safe to attach a notification
- The vehicle moved prior to a notification being attached
- The vehicle was in a Prescribed Parking Zone

6 CONTENT

6.1 Risk Factors considered in determining the Parking Enforcement Program:

6.1.1 Council evaluates safety, infrastructure damage, environmental harm, and community impact when determining whether certain parking behaviour (especially verge or informal parking) should be restricted or enforced against**.**

6.1.2 These risk factors include:

a) School zone safety impacts – Parking behaviour that could endanger children in school zones(40 km/h areas).
b) Blocking pedestrian access or pathways – Vehicles that stop people using the footpath safely or force pedestrians onto the road.
c) Restricted visibility – Parked vehicles that make it hard for drivers or pedestrians to see each other, especially at intersections when leaving or entering a driveway.
d) Restricted sight distance – Parking that reduces the distance drivers or pedestrians can see approaching traffic.
e) Damage to public infrastructure – Parking on grass or verges can damage, underground services kerbs or drainage, surfaces that become rutted, uneven, or boggy from wheel tracks.
f) Blocking access to utility infrastructure – Vehicles preventing access to things like, water valves sewer access points like gas, electrical, telecommunications, or drainage infrastructure.

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g) Environmental risks damage to trees or vegetation – Vehicle weight can compact soil, harming roots.
h) Pollution or erosion – Repeated parking can remove ground cover, leading to soil erosion and runoff pollution.
i) Community impact, loss of amenity / complaints – If parking negatively affects the look, usability, or enjoyment of the area and leads to frequent complaints from residents.

6.2 Resident Parking:

6.2.1 Council reinforces that it is illegal for vehicles to park on the road verge. These rules exist to keep pedestrian paths clear and unobstructed, protect landscaped areas and ensure residents can safely enter and exit their properties

6.2.2 Parking in front of garbage bins: while not illegal, it is courteous not to park in front of garbage bins. Drivers are encouraged to park with consideration to access to bins by waste collection vehicles

6.2.3 Long and Heavy vehicles (either 7.5m in length or greater or with a Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) over 4.5 tonnes) must not park on the street in a built-up area for more than one hour. These vehicles include trucks, trailers, caravans and boats. These vehicles must be parked in a manner that does not block traffic flow, obstruct driveways or create dangers for other road users.

6.2.4 Council encourages people who own Non-Motorised Vehicles such as caravans, trailers and boats to either park them on their own property or seek off site storage options to ensure these vehicles do not restrict access to parking sparces for residents and community use.

6.2.4.1 Non-Motorised vehicles should not be parked in residential streets, on main roads or in parking areas at parks or community facilities. They should not be parked on the verge or tethered to public trees or infrastructure. Parking of these vehicles in public areas will be regulated under the *Public Spaces Unattended Properties Act, 2021* in accordance with the attached infographic in Appendix One of this policy.

6.3 Parking in the Queanbeyan Industrial Areas:

6.3.1 If sufficient onsite parking is not available at industrial premises located within the mapped areas on Figure One below, employees are permitted to park on the verge adjacent to the relevant business. This exemption applies only during normal business hours. All vehicles parked on the verge must be registered and in a safe condition.

6.3.2 Parking on the verge is not permitted on either Yass Road or Gilmore Road and these areas are excluded from the exemptions in Clause 6.3.1 of this policy.

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(Figure One: Industrial Areas subject to exemption in clause 6.3.1 of this policy)

6.4 Parking associated with Construction Sites:

6.4.1 Vehicles associated with construction sites must park legally and in accordance with any relevant signage

6.4.2 Temporary parking arrangements for large construction sites should be assessed as part of a development application. Any temporary parking arrangements approved should be used in accordance with the conditions of the development consent.

6.5 Priorities for Parking Enforcement (In order of priority)

6.5.1 **School Zones**: to ensure parking practices do not compromise the safety of school students

6.5.2 **Public Safety**: to discourage parking practices which may compromise the safety of other road users. These issues include:

a) Stop in a No Stopping Zone
b) Double Parking
c) Stop in a Bus Zone
d) Unauthorised use of mobility parking spaces
e) Parking next to a Yellow Line
f) Parking within 3m of the road centreline marking
g) Parking on the verge
h) Not parallel park in the direction of travel
i) Park contrary to regulatory signage

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6.5.3 **Public Complaints**: to investigate complaints from the community concerning alleged unlawful parking, including parking of heavy vehicles (over 4.5t GVM or 7.5m in length) for longer than 1hr in a built-up area as well as other safety-related complaints. Council will only respond to these issues during business hours. NSW Police may be able to assist outside of normal business hours.

6.5.4 **Parking Access:** To ensure the equitable and efficient use of on-street and council free carparks, limited stay parking in the CBD of Queanbeyan and other high use areas with parking restrictions across the region.

6.5.5 **Loading Zones:** To control the use of loading zones so service vehicles can obtain more efficient access and the use of loading zones by non-delivery vehicles is discouraged.

6.6 Other Ranger Activities

6.6.1 Rangers regularly use cameras to obtain evidence. This includes the use of mobile phone cameras, dash cameras and body worn cameras. This evidence is stored in accordance with QPRC's digital requirements and is not available for access by the general public.

6.6.2 Council will provide information to the community on parking issues around the Council area. This information will include media releases, Mayoral columns, community newsletters, input into school newsletters and driver education programs delivered by Council's road safety officer.

7 REVIEW

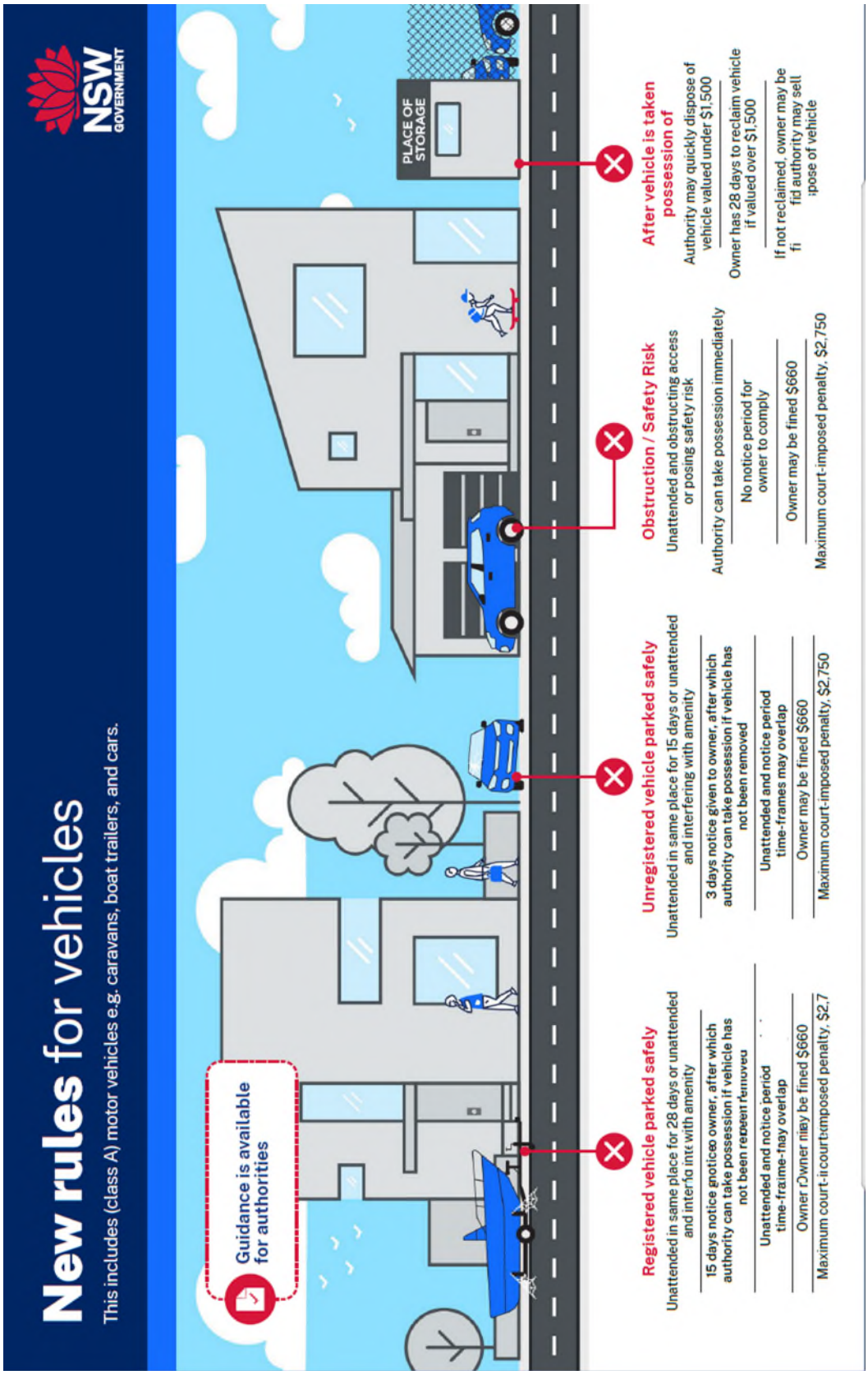
7.1 This policy will be reviewed every four years or earlier as necessary if:

a) legislation requires it, or
b) Council's functions, structure or activities change

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8 APPENDIX ONE- VEHICLES IN PUBLIC PLACES- PSUP GUIDELINES

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