

## Vinuka Nanayakkara

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**From:** Submission  
**Sent:** Monday, 9 August 2021 8:23 AM  
**To:** Vinuka Nanayakkara  
**Subject:** Parking hours review

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**From:** Anya [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 8 August 2021 11:20 am  
**To:** Submission <submission@pncc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Parking hours review

Hi

There is no need to change the parking in Palmy you have already put the prices up and that is more than enough. Why oh why ... do you want people to visit here? There's absolutely no reason to change. Sad one guys what you need the extra money for ... those sculptures no one wanted? This is becoming a disgrace and completely rubbish for those who work in the cbd with no where to park ... walking in the dark late at night to go to their cars. The fees are disgustingly huge by the end of the day. I hope you realise they all shop there too and are not just workers! Having paid parks in plaza for workers what a joke they putting all their money back into parking. Why don't you look at other places that have little or no parking fees and see how they do it? You not thinking about people visiting ... or workers ? Pretty sure council workers would not have to pay ?!

Kind regards  
Anya

Sent from my iPhone

9 August 2021

To Palmerston North City Council,

**PNCC PARKING HOURS REVIEW SUBMISSION**

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed extension to paid meter parking hours, it is a very bad idea.

I am a co-founder-owner/operator of 2 central city hospitality businesses, Brew Union Brewing Co and Libre. We currently employ 46 persons (approximately 35 FTE) across our two sites. Our employees are also broadly opposed to the proposed hours changes and some have made submissions.

We established Brew Union Brewing Co in early 2017. Prior to Brew Union opening, the site was derelict, and the amenity of the area was poor. The shift in 2017 of Broadway hospitality-entertainment zone with Brew Union, Haru and Little Savanna opening has breathed a whisp of life to an area of the CBD district desperately gasping for breath.

Central to our business plan for the Broadway-King Street location was the easy access to under utilized parking on King Street and Community House over our peak times of trade, the very hours paid parking hours extensions are proposed.

**Our employees will pay \$32.30-35.70/week more for street Parking if hours are changed:**

On any given day 6-10 of our hard-working team will, by necessity, drive to work. Friday and Saturday evening all hands are on deck and the proposed hours extensions cover our peak trade periods when the majority of hours are worked. We expect the weekly increase in parking costs to these employees to be around \$32/week (3.5 hours each Thursday and Friday, 6-8 hours Saturday and 6 hours Sunday, a weekly total of 19-21hours, or \$32.30-\$35.70/week).

- At least 8 of our employees live outside the city boundary, not effectively serviced by public transport
- The last buses depart Main Street Terminal at the latest either 6:30 or 6:50pm, and 5pm on Saturdays, well before parking charges are proposed to cease and much earlier than they would typically finish work
- Taxis are costly for hospitality workers, and in very limited supply when we finish work
- It is not safe to walk to cars parked in free parking areas late at night when our staff finish work
- \$32/week! – it is hard enough to reward and retain good people in our industry, this would further impede our ability to do so and put us at a competitive disadvantage in terms of staffing to hospitality providers outside the CBD.

**Business Impact**

- Regards the claimed gain in business from parking turnover.  
I have operated businesses for 30 years, I have worked for a global hospitality company as the decision maker with a store development team operating a sophisticated customer catchment and
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sales modelling process in a high growth environment, so consider myself to have a better than average understanding of what drives a business's foot traffic.

- Where is the evidence that carparking turnover rates are a problem in Palmerston North?
- Where is the evidence that the extended hours will eliminate the problem if there is indeed one? (Please don't quote studies from big cities with amazing multibillion dollar public transport networks and 30 times our population density as examples either).

I don't consider a lack of parking turnover to be the issue, particularly at 6, 7, 8 or 9pm, or on weekend afternoons/evenings when the extended hours are proposed. My observation is, outside of major events, CBD parking is underutilized over these hours. I'm sure Frog parking can provide data on parking occupancy and turnover rates if it is suspected carpark turnover genuinely an issue?

- I believe extending pay parking hours will decrease CBD parking, decreasing visitation and revenue. I've heard many anecdotal comments that "we'll just go to Feilding, Summerhill, (insert free parking zone here)" a read of comments on Gerry Keating's Change.Org petition will give a flavour.
- What other NZ city our size charges for parking until 9pm?
  - Hamilton (152,000 population), has 2 hours FREE street parking with charges kicking in after that (they do charge until 8pm).
  - Tauranga (131,000 population) has FREE street parking (with a 2 hour limit) and very economic Off-street parking (\$5 max)
  - New Plymouth (80,000Population) has 1 hour FREE street parking, but has extended paid parking hours to 9am-7pm
  - Feilding- FREE street parking
- Parking hours extensions will put us a competitive disadvantage to suburban eateries and nearby town centres, bringing into the question the economic sense in paying premium CBD rates.
- The development of the Plaza and big box retailers outside of the CBD with free parking has significantly impacted Palmerston Norths retail landscape, further parking hours extensions will exacerbate the decline. The real character of Palmy lives outside the big chains occupying the Plaza or the big boxes around the cities fringe, it in our city's high streets, locally owned vibrant businesses we shouldn't be smothering.

The proposed parking hours extension will damage our CBD high street businesses and severely impact inner city hospitality workers.

I applaud the councils move to pause the decision to seek public feedback and sincerely hope, after consideration, paid parking hours are not extended, for the future independence, vibrancy, and diversity of our city business landscape. The alternative is to euthanise the CBD by smothering it with parking hours extensions.

Yours sincerely,

**Murray Cleghorn**

Director  
Brew Union Brewing Co & Libre

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**From:** Submission  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 4 August 2021 1:29 PM  
**To:** Vinuka Nanayakkara  
**Subject:** Parking hours review

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**From:** Chelsea Inisi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 4 August 2021 12:12 pm  
**To:** Submission <submission@pncc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Parking hours review

No not fair. We pay enough taxes as it is.

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**From:** Submission  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 August 2021 1:43 PM  
**To:** Vinuka Nanayakkara  
**Subject:** Parking hours review

**From:** clyde brunton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 August 2021 10:20 am  
**To:** Submission <submission@pncc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Parking hours review

I oppose the new suggested hours.

Don't change any of the hours.. It's targeting some businesses..shoppong malls will benefit most. I would doubt that revenue will increase \$400,000.00

That's like the value of 3x council higher earning staff.. Perhaps reduce staff levels to save money. This is just an off cuff response.. I could go on for hours about my views.. The council makes some inept decisions at times. You don't seem accountable. In business you would fail.as a council you are propped up with rate payments instead of paying dividends.. And that arrangement doesn't work either.

Look forward to a reply.

Clyde Brunton

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**From:** Submission  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 August 2021 8:17 AM  
**To:** Vinuka Nanayakkara  
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**From:** Donald Bull [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 10 August 2021 10:32 am  
**To:** Submission <submission@pncc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Parking hours review

Definitely. NO CHANGES NOR INCREASE IN COST OF PARKING.  
Don Bull.  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Submission  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 10 August 2021 7:34 AM  
**To:** Vinuka Nanayakkara  
**Subject:** Parking hours review

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From: Gabrielle Bundy-Cooke [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, 9 August 2021 7:46 pm  
To: Submission <submission@pncc.govt.nz>  
Subject: Parking hours review

Please please do not put more parking issues on our Citizens or “those wishing to spend their out of town earnt dollars” to support our Palm Nth SMB. We as a City and a council have been focused on bringing nearby Communities into our City to spend their money for the past 30yrs that I can remember. The all day city centre parks are taken up regually by staff of the business’s because we as a Council do not provide alternative all day paid parking and YES it is our Councils responsibility to do so. We talk about Wellness etc etc in the workplace it’s the same in our widespread responsibility of our Councils. We want people to feel valued appreciated and respected and we need to look after our own first!!.

Yes I know you want all vehicles out of the Square and if so then please provide an alternative.

Leave our Complimentary parking alone and add value in our inner city parking with the extra charges that you have added.

Thank you for the Gold Card parking advantages 🍷🍷 spread that word better, as many citizens have no idea it is available.

We have only just created a Hospitality feel in this city please don’t now shut it down. Put efforts into creating an even better Broadway / Square area. ( Eat Street Rotorua) I could go on and on but really I just want to say NO to your suggestion of no complimentary parking for our people who want to enjoy our easy living city !!!

Our Vision....

SMALL CITY BENEFITS

BIG CITY AMBITION

Thanks Team

Gabrielle Bundy-Cooke

Sent from my iPhone

## Council parking

Grey Power Manawatu Submission re parking charges and services for Gold Card Members;

Currently a concession for Gold Card Holders for free parking in the CBD, upon paying an annual fee of \$10.00, exists between the hours of 9:00am and 12:00 noon, Mondays through Fridays.

There are no charges for parking in the CBD on Sundays.

Grey Power Manawatu has a motion on the books to submit to PNCC for the current concession be extended to include between the hours of 12:00 noon and 3:00pm, Mondays through Fridays, for parking in the CBD.

The parking concession will be 9:00am through 3:pm, weekdays.

The PNCC recently passed a motion to increase the parking charges for meter parking in the CBD and to include Sundays in the metered time.

Grey Power Manawatu now submits to the PNCC, for the concession of free parking for Gold Card Holders, having paid the annual fee, to include Saturday and Sunday parking in the CBD, during the same hours as for weekdays.

There are good supporting arguments for these submissions.

An objective of The Council is to make the CBD area of Palmerston North a vibrant place for residents and visitors to work, shop and play. Removing barriers for parking will encourage our Senior Citizens to participate in these activities more freely, without the time restrictions currently in place.

The Senior Sector of our community provides a large proportion of volunteers in our city. The extension of Gold Card concession parking in the CBD , will make it easier for them to attend the facilities in which they do this volunteer work.

The extension of the parking concession hours will allow older persons to partake in lunch time dining experiences, maybe with friends, without the worry of parking restrictions.

Many appointments with professional services providers are in the CBD area. Time frames for these appointments are not always certain and are often not available in am hours.

Many of our older residents are in need of support in their own homes. This is often provided in morning time slots, therefore disadvantaging these folk as to when they can take advantage of our city's support to use its facilities in the CBD.

Both Central Government and Local governments in New Zealand/Aotearoa, encourage our older citizens to get out and about, to participate in community activities, in groups and as individuals. By supporting these submissions, PNCC will indeed be seen to be being proactive in this objective.

Two further facets to this submission to promote activity, allowing parking in one place in the CBD will encourage those who are able to park and walk to all activity they need to attend in the CBD. Also, for those less mobile, being able to drive to different destinations within the CBD to carry out their business, without time restrictions or needing to pay for multiple uses of meters, will be appreciated.

By extending the concession and to include weekends within it, Council will further enable and encourage our older persons to fully utilise our city's facilities for all the reasons noted above.

Grey Power Manawatu submits;

- 1- The current concession for Gold Card Holders, upon paying an annual fee, to have free parking in The Palmerston North/Papaoia CBD, between the hours of 9;00am and noon, Mondays through Fridays, to be altered by removing the word 'noon' and inserting the words '3:00pm',,,,,
- 2- - The concession concerning free parking in the Palmerston North CBD for Gold Card Holders, be altered to remove the words 'Monday through Fridays ', and inserting the words "every day".

I look forward to positive outcomes for these submissions and thank The Council for these concessions accorded the Seniors' community in Palmerston North.

For and on behalf of Grey Power Manawatu,

Nga mihi,

Russell Hallam QSM

President,

Grey Power Manawatu.

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**From:** Submission  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 10 August 2021 7:29 AM  
**To:** Vinuka Nanayakkara  
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**From:** Hope Zoie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 9 August 2021 1:02 pm  
**To:** Submission <submission@pncc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Parking hours review

Hi Palmerston north City council.

In regards to the recent discussion regarding parking fees rising I want you to know I no longer use your parking spaces. It's bad enough if I'm only there 5mins I get charged the full 1hr

.I was happy paying the lower amount the fee added for using my card was annoying as it was but I accepted that.

I was parking in the square once weekly for 1-2hrs per week. Now you lost that money.

That's a loss of over \$100 per year which is alot of money.

Greed gets you nowhere..

I'm sure everyone feels this way. You lose..

Kind regards  
Hope Zoie



11 August 2021

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Palmerston North City Council  
Private Bag 11034  
Manawatu Mail Centre  
Palmerston North

Sent via email to: [submission@pncc.govt.nz](mailto:submission@pncc.govt.nz)

Dear sir or madam,

### **SUBMISSION: PALMERSTON NORTH PAID PARKING HOURS REVIEW**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Palmerston North paid parking hours review. This submission is made on behalf of Horizons Regional Council.

#### **Context:**

Horizons Regional Council is mandated through the Land Transport Management Act to provide public transport service in the region. The responsibility for provision of public transport infrastructure sits with territorial authorities.

As the City Council will be aware, the Palmerston North urban bus network (including Massey services) is the largest public transport service in our region and is currently undergoing a review prior to contract expiry. Financially, Horizons invests a significant amount into this service and want to ensure it is well-utilised.

Of relevance to the points raised in this submission is the recently approved Regional Land Transport Plan which seeks to improve access to and use of transport modes such as public transport, walking and cycling. Parking plays a role in limiting access to these other transport modes through use of space that could be used for pedestrians and cyclists and encouraging people to choose the private vehicle over public transport (due to convenience). Given the interdependency between public transport services and urban design, we strive to ensure we have a strong working relationship with PNCC to ensure our shared objectives are achieved.

#### **Proposed paid parking hours:**

Horizons Regional Council **supports** the proposal to extend paid parking hours in its entirety.

It is our view that extending the paid parking hours in Palmerston North is an important step to support mode shift from private cars to walking, micro-mobility and public transport. It is hoped that extending paid parking hours will encourage people to consider other options for travelling to and around the CBD. A reduction in private vehicle travel could contribute positively to the impacts this travel has on carbon emissions, water quality issues and

biodiversity. Fewer trips to and around the CBD by private vehicles would support the efficient operation of bus services in the city.

Allocating road space for parking means that the space cannot be utilised for other purposes, such as improved walking and cycling facilities, public spaces and public transport infrastructure. Parking charges have not been considered as part of this review. We encourage PNCC to review these charges with the aim of providing parking charge that recognises the opportunity cost of the land and encourages people to walk, cycle or take the bus.

It is not clear from the material supplied what PNCC intends to do with the additional revenue generated through extended paid parking hours. We **suggest** that PNCC consider allocating some of this additional revenue to public transport infrastructure or other mode shift initiatives that enable people to access the city centre without a car. This is an approach proposed by other Councils (such as Hamilton City Council) which we are supportive of.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback on this review. If you have any questions regarding the matters raised in this submission, please contact myself or Leana Shirley on 0508 800 800.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Read  
**MANAGER TRANSPORT SERVICES**

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**From:** Submission  
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**To:** Vinuka Nanayakkara  
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**From:** Johann O'Sullivan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 4 August 2021 10:38 pm  
**To:** Submission <submission@pncc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Parking hours review

We don't want changes to the parking we have already had a rate increase and this is another tax on us .

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**From:** Submission  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 August 2021 8:14 AM  
**To:** Vinuka Nanayakkara  
**Subject:** Parking hours review

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**From:** Kate Malone [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 August 2021 7:59 am  
**To:** Submission <submission@pncc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Parking hours review

I think that extended parking fees will impact negatively on businesses in the CBD especially the entertainment sector – movies, restaurants. Why is extended car parking fees needed? Fees are high enough during the day.  
Kate Malone

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]  
Mon-Wed 8.30am to 5.00pm  
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**From:** Submission  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 August 2021 8:14 AM  
**To:** Vinuka Nanayakkara  
**Subject:** Parking hours increase - submission.

**From:** Kelly Larsen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 10 August 2021 8:29 pm  
**To:** Submission <submission@pncc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Parking hours increase - submission.

I DO NOT support the proposal to extend the parking hours

I get that parking wardens and time limits are a necessary evil. Without them everybody would park wherever they want for however long they want and there'd be no parks.

However.... You talk about 'parking turnover' but I'm often in the city centre for hours at a time and the vaaaast majority of tickets that are issued are while the street is mostly empty. When I look out across the street and see 5 wardens dishing out tickets to the 5 remaining cars amongst a couple hundred empty parking spaces at 5:25pm it's abundantly clear that you don't give a damn about 'allowing citizens access to parking' or 'supplying customers to small businesses'. This system is designed for one thing, and one thing only, to milk the motorist and put money into your back pockets at the EXPENSE, not benefit of small businesses.

From sensors under the parking spaces that direct a warden to you the second you go over, and wipe remaining time as soon as you leave, to wardens dishing out fines completely unnecessarily (and I see there are even more being trained up currently, I guess there must still be a few people getting away with parking a few minutes over on completely empty streets eh? gotta make sure they pay for their transgressions), to extended hours late into the night and now into the weekend, to increasing parking rates, the parking system is waaaay overkill for ensuring 'parking turnover'.

But hey... you might be p\*\*\*ing on us, but at least you've got the decency to call it 'rain'.

I will continue to park in the plaza and downtown parks when I come into town. Not giving you guys a cent.

and since your facebook post a month ago seems to have 'accidentally' left out any details regarding where and when you are taking feedback, let me allow a few other voices to be heard (a small handful of 1.8k commens, every single one of them negative)

Mat Pendleton

Im literally thinking about leaving palmy because of this. I dont even own a car, but this just seems like something that will benefit only a select few from the community.

Chris Leigh

Bringing more people to the city by charging more for parking and extending the hours you have to pay? Is it just me or does this logic not make sense.

Lyndall Parr

That's disappointing. There are things I "save" up to do on a Sunday (Cafes, te manawa, library etc) because it's free and I never know if I'll be 10 minutes or 3 hours with a 3 year old.

Alison van Echten

Interesting logic and justification! I think the impact will be to discourage people further from shopping, restaurants and movies in Broadway and the central city.

Beccie Walkden

Until 9pm Thursday through Saturday. And now paying on a Saturday morning, and during the day on a Sunday. I'm not convinced this will help local businesses at all. What a bizarre change. Hope you have an advertising campaign at the ready and not just relying on this post to spread the word.

Poppy Clapperton

Surely This is a bad taste bad joke??? We are trying to grow the city centre. People will go elsewhere!

Katina Hughes

Movies with the kids on Sundays has been less stressful with free parking

Lyn Dooley

I'm sticking with internet shopping from now on. This is so short sighted and NOT the way to encourage spending in our city PNCC.

Andrew Royds

We don't travel to Wellington on a Sunday because they charge for parking. Surely every city should have Sundays free to get people into the shops as Sundays are usually the quieter days.

Joy Stoodley

Wasn't Sunday free? This is going hurt Palmerston North as people won't come into town to shop the small town people. They won't come they just go to other towns with free parking

Sarah Laurence

Why are you looking at a strategy AFTER making the changes? I strongly believe this will drive people away from the CBD...sad for the business owners in the area.

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**From:** Submission  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 10 August 2021 7:33 AM  
**To:** Vinuka Nanayakkara  
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**From:** Lupe Kelekolio - [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 9 August 2021 9:49 pm  
**To:** Submission <submission@pncc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Parking hours review

I think it should stay as it is  
Lupe

# Palmerston North City

## Parking Hours Review

Submission to Palmerston North City Council (PNCC)

From

Manawatu Chamber of Commerce (MCoC)



Manawatu Chamber of Commerce  
Unit 9a, Northcote Office Park  
86, Grey Street  
Palmerston North  
4410

11<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Mobile: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Contact People: Amanda Linsley, CEO, Manawatu Chamber of Commerce

Blair Alabaster, Chairperson, Manawatu Chamber of Commerce

**Manawatu Chamber of Commerce Board Members:** Ed Teece, Paul O'Brien, Steve Davey, Lisa Matena, Matthew Jeanes, Caren Bailey, Cam Hadfield, Adrian Doyle, Rahui Corbett and Alex Boustridge.

1. The Manawatu Chamber of Commerce ("MCoC") is a 440+ Business Member organisation, that represents a significant proportion of the City and Region's GDP.
2. This submission is presented to Council by the MCoC Board after feedback from our Membership and *other businesses within the CBD*.
3. MCoC thank PNCC for the opportunity to consult on this matter, which we believe should have been consulted on prior to presentation to Council during the LTP consultation round.
4. MCoC have received extensive feedback with regards to the extension to parking hours within the CBD specifically whether this extension would be in the interests of the business community; that feedback indicates that 99.95% of respondents do not believe that this would be beneficial and it would not manage demand better.
5. MCoC note that PNCC by their own statement have indicated that the decision to extend parking hours was a financial decision; but these figures (for extension to hours - \$125k) do



not stack up given the extra cost to implement and that there would not be a material financial benefit.

6. MCoC understand that PNCC will also be taking into consideration the many comments on the PNCC social media pages. PNCC also have 5000+ signatories on an independent petition.
7. MCoC also understand that there is a city-wide parking review being undertaken in the early part of 2022 which should focus on the bigger picture, the interaction of the public transport system and staff parking for workers within the City to be included.
8. MCoC note that no other city outside of the metropolitans pay for Sunday parking. This affects just about every community within our city not just the business community. The following do Not charge for parking on Sundays, New Plymouth, Dunedin, Tauranga, Taupo, Nelson, Hamilton, Napier etc.
9. Summary of Feedback:
  - i) Generally price (within reason) is not a factor
  - ii) Businesses are strongly against the extension of hours across all the days indicated, that is extension to Thursday, Friday and Saturday and Sunday parking
  - iii) Businesses have concerns that this will put people off coming into the CBD to shop, eat and be entertained
  - iv) Businesses are also concerned about the increased costs for their staff and the safety of their staff, they have a duty of care to these people and this is putting people at risk.
10. Here is just some' of the individual feedback that we have from businesses:
  - i) This is absolutely outrageous. It will drive people away from the CBD especially when the Plaza offer the first hour free.
  - ii) This will directly impact my business and the customers that come into my store
  - iii) We act for many business tenants as well as building owners and we are also a business which operates in the central city and we pay rates. We see no benefit in the proposed changes to the city parking charges and hours.
  - iv) Broadway and the Square is just starting to become vibrant again and this change will stifle any growth we have had. This looks like another ill-informed decision made by a bureaucracy with no consultation or understanding of business.
  - v) The extended hours will be a deterrent to shoppers.
  - vi) Business has been difficult enough over the past year with Covid, we are just starting to see a return of customers, this will discourage shoppers from spending time in our businesses.
  - vii) Like all other hospitality businesses in the CBD all our customers and our staff will be affected.

MCoC have multiple pages of very similar feedback.

### Summary

MCoC understand fully that PNCC needs to be financed, but we know that there are other ways to do this (rather than increasing parking hours) that are overall more cost-effective to the council (e.g. slightly higher per hour rates, within reason).

MCoC are requesting that PNCC do NOT increase the paid chargeable hours at all on any day. Both the Chamber of Commerce and Palmy BID want to be included in the parking strategy going forward so that the businesses community can be properly represented and consulted with in a full and transparent manner and the strategy developed in partnership.

Yours sincerely

Signed on behalf of the Manawatu Chamber of Commerce Board  
by;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Linsley', with a stylized initial 'A'.

Amanda Linsley  
CEO  
Manawatu Chamber of Commerce

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**From:** Submission  
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**From:** Murray Gribbin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 1 August 2021 8:00 pm  
**To:** Submission <submission@pncc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Parking hours review

My Wife and I are happy for the council to put up parking fees as this is long over due. We both feel by doing this it will allow free parking on Sundays. Our request for free Sunday parking may seem selfish as our Church is in King Street. There is one other Church on King Street and other one I know of on the square.

All these Churches offer more for the community than Sunday prayers, our Church works with the elderly at Cook Street Nursing home as well as students at Massey and IPC.

Sunday Church is a time to refresh from work, community and family commitments and a small thing like no parking meter fees is a bonus.

By extending your time to 9pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday could effect the restaurants and bars that are employing our local people. While we are not major customers of these establishments we all know they are struggling.

As stated by putting the fees on the other 6 days we feel would allow free Sudays and not have to extend the hours.

Murray and Sue Gribbin.

# Palmerston North City Council Draft Local Alcohol Policy 2020

Submission to Palmerston North City Council (PNCC)  
From  
Central Palmerston North Business Improvement District Inc.  
(The Palmy BID)

Central Palmerston North Business Improvement District Inc.  
PO Box 1535  
Palmerston North  
4410

11<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Contacts: Rob Campbell (Chair) — [REDACTED]  
Amanda Linsley — [REDACTED]

## **PAID PARKING HOURS REVIEW**

Palmy BID is an organisation that represents the CBD community, that community includes those that live and travel to work here, those that invest and own businesses, those that provide community services and those people who visit to enjoy the special area that is the heart of our city.

Palmy BID does not support the proposal to increase paid parking hours in the CBD. We have attached a sample of responses received from our community, which are overwhelmingly against the proposal. Reasons for the opposition to the move are varied but include the following key themes:

- This is likely to negatively affect businesses operating in the CBD.
- Additional cost will be forced on all CBD users at a time when many are struggling financially.
- There may be safety issues if staff are forced to seek unpaid parking at a distance from their employment.
- Additional cost will be forced on members of the community who visit the CBD for purposes other than retailing or employment, e.g. access to essential social or religious services, or simply to enjoy the CBD environment.

These responses reflect the concerns of the Community in June when attempts were made to increase parking charges and parking hours, without consultation. A restrictive timeframe for full consultation prevented us from seeking further guidance from our community and as a result from providing a considered, solution focussed submission.

It is our intention to hold a public meeting in relation to this matter on 24 August. Council Officers and Councillors will be invited to attend.

At Palmy BID we know that the people who call the CBD home have real pride in their community and an absolute desire to contribute to its development.

Carparking in the CBD is a complex issue that will require a comprehensive multifaceted solution. It's not just about pricing or hours. Fundamentally it's about understanding the needs of those that use the CBD and those that call it home.

On behalf of the community, we ask that council engage with the community to work on developing a comprehensive solution that recognises the diverse needs of our people.



Rob Campbell  
Interim Chair  
Palmy BID

BID Contacts:

Rob Campbell (Chair): [REDACTED]

Amanda Linsley: [REDACTED]

## Vinuka Nanayakkara

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**From:** Submission  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 August 2021 1:43 PM  
**To:** Vinuka Nanayakkara  
**Subject:** Parking hours review

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**From:** Pat Trainer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 31 July 2021 9:32 am  
**To:** Submission <submission@pncc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Parking hours review

I would like to have my say on extended parking hours in the city as follows.

What on earth are you thinking? This line that keeps being trotted out, time after time, that extended hours will increase turnover of parking spaces so more people can visit/use the facilities in the city ?????

If you are in the city after working hours, then you are there for a reason, usually for a specific timeframe I.e a movie, theater event, concert, for a meal. So..... you are going to take up a parking space for the said amount of time no matter what, no turnover of parking spots there ?

Even worse, the city has spent many dollars on the new 'entrance' to the arena along Cuba Street. Do you honestly believe anyone going to this event is going to pay for parking to use this expensive walkway or... will they park over the other side of the city on the road side(s) for free.

In summary, let's be clear extended parking hours will not encourage more people into the city it will have the opposite effect, maybe Feilding for a movie, restaurants on the outskirts of the city and a theatre event only if you are really, really into the artist. I'm sure the failing businesses in the city centre will thank you.

If the council funds are so low, admit this is a dollar grabbing episode or get the money elsewhere.

Just to be clear, I am vehemently opposed to extending paid parking in our lovely (let's keep it vibrant) city.

Patricia Trainer

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**From:** Submission  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 August 2021 8:15 AM  
**To:** Vinuka Nanayakkara  
**Subject:** Parking hours review

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**From:** Quality Tyres [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 10 August 2021 3:46 pm  
**To:** Submission <submission@pncc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Parking hours review

To The Elected Mayor and Councillors,

I have lived in the P.N. CBD for 22yrs.  
I no longer feel welcome due to the proposed extension to parking hours.

I have no off street parking. I take my car to work, outside the CBD, most days. If I wish to park my car outside my apartment for 45min each lunchtime I am already paying over \$400 per year, not to mention sick days / annual leave.

The proposed extension to hours would mean that, apart from increased costs, I can no longer relax after a long day at work. At a time when I should be cooking dinner and relaxing with beverage or 2, I would have to worry about feeding the meter. It would also spell the end of Sunday morning sleep-in.

The current frog-parking system is inherently unfair in that I cannot recoup money / time if I happen to leave the park early. The next person to park there pays again for time already paid for. If I have to run an errand to the the supermarket before my time is up I have to pay again when I return to park.

I believe that increased parking hours will detrimentally affect business in the CBD including retail, hospitality and events. These sectors are already struggling due to Covid-19 and the rise of online shopping. Social media comments have already shown that many people will take their business elsewhere rather than pay for parking during the evening or on Sundays. Some church-goers will also be negatively affected. More people will choose to shop only at The Plaza (1 hour free parking) to the detriment of boutique business around The Square etc. Online shopping has increased exponentially since Covid19. We do not want to encourage this. Retail shopping in the CBD will cease to exist.

Hospitality staff, many of them underpaid young women, will be forced to park further away from their workplace which creates a SAFETY issue for them when walking back to their car. This situation would be UN-ACCEPTABLE.  
Extended hours would negatively impact our elderly and mothers with young children many of whom are already struggling financially.

The PNCC annual report shows that parking has made a profit of around \$1000.00 per year for the last 5 years. I question the need for extended parking hours.

Extended hours will not increase parking turnover.

Extended hours will not stop workers parking all day in the CBD.

Time limits, such as we used to have, will not stop workers parking all day. It just creates the "2 hour shuffle".

A better, more efficient public transport system, with incentives, would go a long way towards fixing this issue.

Big Box retailers such as The Plaza and Briscoes should be forced to provide parking for their staff or provide incentives to use public transport.

As a CBD resident, I care about my neighbourhood. I spend money in the local shops. I report crime. CBD residents are important to the vitality of the city. In order to stop urban sprawl we need to intensify housing in the CBD and make new tenants feel welcome. New developments must be made to provide parking for tenants. I'm still annoyed that The Hub managed to get away with not providing parking.

I have studied the rates allocation and it seems to me that a lot of money is being mis-allocated. Why does Arts and Heritage get more than twice as much as Civil Defence or Housing?

In my opinion the councils mandate is to provide infrastructure and essential services. It seems to me that too much money has

been wasted on expensive and frivolous pet projects.

As a regular voter I urge the PNCC to listen to the residents, the social media comments and the petition. Please DO NOT extend the current parking hours.

Regards,

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Steve Fox  
Manager  
Quality Tyres Ltd.

Palmerston North



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**To:** Vinuka Nanayakkara  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Rosalie Kerr [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 30 July 2021 11:20 pm  
**To:** Submission <submission@pncc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Parking hours review

Disagree

Sent from my iPhone

## Vinuka Nanayakkara

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**From:** Submission  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 August 2021 1:42 PM  
**To:** Vinuka Nanayakkara  
**Subject:** Parking hours review

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 30 July 2021 10:38 am  
**To:** Submission <submission@pncc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Parking hours review

To PNCC :

Businesses will suffer. They need to be supported in these trying times. Further parking pressure will be put on Monday - Thursday.

Public will look to Feilding to shop if this goes ahead combined with the increased parking fees. The wage cost involved to monitor this change could/will outway the need to do so. What amount is anticipated???? No wonder the rates are to be increased 8%. There is a need to tighten the Councils purse strings and stop the un-necessary spending on beautification and deal with the major issues that need attention apart from parking.

Shirley Vining

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**From:** Submission  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 4 August 2021 1:29 PM  
**To:** Vinuka Nanayakkara  
**Subject:** Parking hours review

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Steph Adams [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 August 2021 2:31 pm  
**To:** Submission <submission@pncc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Parking hours review

I think the parking should stay the same

Sent from my iPhone