

From: Kid Essentials

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Subject: Inquiry into the closure of Wanniasa Medical Centre and subsequent parking problems in Colbee Court Phillip

Ms Karin McDonald MLA

Chair

Standing Committee on Health and Disability

cc John Hargreaves MLA

13 August 2008

Dear Ms McDonald

Inquiry into the closure of Wanniasa Medical Centre and related parking problems in Colbee Court Phillip

I would like to make a submission to the inquiry into the closure of the Wanniasa Medical Centre and subsequent move to the Phillip Medical Centre. I would like to request that the parking issues in Colbee Court Phillip, be taken into consideration as part of your inquiry. As the owner of Kid Essentials I have had ongoing parking problems for customers which have now be exacerbated by the move of the eight doctors and their patients.

I believe the parking problems are directly effecting the store, just yesterday we had only six customers through the door and our daily sales were only \$111.00. This is very distressing as a usual Tuesday trade is anywhere from \$2000 to \$3000. We received a couple of calls yesterday and one call this morning regarding the lack of parking for our customers. The majority of our customers are pregnant or have small children with them, not everyone is physically able to park outside of Colbee Court and walk over to our store. We also assist a vast majority of customers back to their cars because they are either unable to carry their purchases due to being heavily pregnant or they need to assist their young children in the traffic.

The move of the doctors from Wanniasa to Philip has already greatly affected businesses in the area by severely restricting car parking. There are large numbers of people going to the clinic and frequently waiting hours for their appointment which is clogging up the car parks. If the centre was properly planned, and this current growth properly planned, car parks would have been considered.

I had previously requested a review of the parking in Colbee Court with Territory and Municipal Services (TAMS) (Ref TR08-02317). This was placed on 14 May 2008 and as a result I was told that 10 parks outside our store and neighbouring stores would become 1 hr parks. This was meant to take effect in the first week of August and I contacted TAMS this morning as there had been no change to the parks. We were told that the job had not been allocated and that was why nothing had been done. We were also told that a priority would be placed on the job and it would be completed soon.

This change is impacting on my, and mostly probably others, business which is my livelihood and is therefore important. I believe that the impact on the existing area, car parks and/or businesses should be considered as part of the inquiry.

I thank you for taking the time to read my submission and if you have any question please don't hesitate to contact me on 0401

Yours Sincerely

Louise Carey