

# Alice Springs Town Council

## Notice of Motion

I, Councillor Chansey Paech, move that Council amend by-law 53 to allow skateboarders to utilise a prescribed area in the northern Todd Mall for a trial period of 3 months – from October 28, 2013 to January 28, 2014. The prescribed area is the western side of the northern Mall, adjacent to the Alice Plaza, bounded by the driveway into the Alice Plaza car park from Todd St, the western edge of the Todd St roadway and the Moth shade structures at the southern end. This area will include the skateable street furniture installed by Council. During the trial period council staff will record any issues and complaints that arise from the shared use of this space by skateboarders and provide a report back to council to be discussed and reviewed at the January 2014 ordinary council meeting.

### Background

The previous council signed off on the installation of skateable street furniture as part of the Todd Mall redevelopment. This furniture was installed and in July 2013 Council was initially informed that this area of the redeveloped Mall would be a shared space, with skaters able to utilise the furniture. This advice was then changed, as by law 53 banning skateboarding in the CBD still applied.

There have been some concerns about pedestrian safety. I circulated information about the Melbourne City Council's successful Skate Safe Program, that shows how skaters, pedestrians and vehicles can safely share space in the CBD.

The discussion on social media and traditional media outlets has been overwhelmingly in favour of having this shared space in the Todd Mall.

Having a trial period of three months, which will include the school holiday period, will allow the community to assess the impact of having the shared space with skaters and will give Council evidence on which to base a more permanent decision.

Amending this by-law will bring more life to the northern end of the CBD, encourage healthy activity and help the community reclaim our streets, making them more active, vibrant, welcoming places.

It will also show Council is inclusive of the needs and wishes of young members of our community.

Moved: Councillor Chansey Paech

Seconded:

24 October 2013