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Dear Rob,

RE: Lot 9B&C – Adaptable Unit Car Parking

Under AS4299, each adaptable unit is required to have one adaptable unit car bay.

AS4299 requires that car bays for the use of adaptable units are to have a clear width of 3.8 metres. Car bays that comply with AS2890.6 (2009) are suitable as a performance solution in principle to this requirement given that the occupant of each car bay has effective use of a space that has a total width of 4.8 metres.

Whilst I understand that some Councils view AS2890.6 as a superior requirement and move to adopt it as the measure of an adaptable unit car bay, my opinion is there are difficulties in the use of the shared zone.

These difficulties present themselves after OC, when residents have occupied the building. It is very possible that after a while these shared areas would be used for storage for residents or parking areas for bicycles or motorbikes. It is possible that bollards could be removed to be used as further common use car parking. This all would be approved under strata executive committee as they would not understand or be aware of the intent of the shared zone. They would see the shared zones as common areas that they could be used for all residents.

Subsequently, when a person in a wheelchair/ mobility impairment does move into an adaptable unit in the future, they may not have a shared zone to use, and be forced to use a standard 2.4 metre wide car bay.

My opinion is that all adaptable unit car bays should have 3.8 metre width as required under AS4299....however if Council still feels that the AS2890.6 should be adopted, I can accept a compromise between a mix of AS4299 adaptable unit car bays and AS2890.6 adaptable unit car bays.



Yours Sincerely

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