

Additional comments for Mayor Andrew Little

10 August 2026

Comments on the barriers encountered in trying to retain timed kerbside parking for the Botanic Garden

1. Lack of a detailed community/city-wide impact assessment

The removal of all Glenmore St / Tinakori Rd kerbside parking, at all times, proceeded without a detailed community impact assessment. This affected a wide catchment of Botanic Garden users; elderly visitors, disabled access, families, tourists, Anderson Park users, and nearby businesses - who rely on access to the Garden's many assets .

2. Community facilities like these rely on ease of access

The public response to the Begonia House highlights the importance of these assets: Access to the Begonia House is currently severely compromised. The significant effort to protect this facility must include restoring easy access to it.

3. Thorndon witnesses the access problem daily

The Residents' Association has counted cyclists, documented access issues, and provided evidence of the significant imbalance created. We know this place well, and seek to be heard on behalf of everyone who relies on accessible entry to the Botanic Garden.

4. Decisions were made quickly and without fully weighting wider impacts

The Glenmore St / Tinakori Rd changes were implemented rapidly, without full consultation with the majority of Garden users. There was limited focus on the Botanic Garden as an important destination, and its role in the city's outdoor recreation strategy; instead much of the attention was on movement **past** the Garden. The Association requested design charrettes to explore alternatives, but this option was not taken up.

5. We advocate for low-cost, practical solutions

Restoring timed kerbside parking would be:

- low-cost
- reversible
- practical
- aligned with visitor needs
- consistent with clearway models used in other cities