

Figure 10-13: Car Parking Space Conversion for Bicycle Parking

against the rail, with a bracket mounted at the correct height to facilitate locking, as shown in Figure 10-14.

(d) Other Acceptable Parking Devices

The road authority, planning authority, developer or owner may wish to install alternative commercially available bicycle parking devices. These parking devices may be satisfactory provided if they are designed and installed in accordance with the principles of good practice described above. For example, some councils have shown an interest in providing coin operated devices which can be set to any desired fee or to return a nominal fee after use. They should be designed as to minimise the opportunity of theft. It is suggested that any fee should be small or cyclists will not use the facility and as a consequence may park their bicycles in undesirable locations.

(e) Unacceptable Parking Devices

A variety of racks and stands have been used over a long period of time. However, racks and stands which allow only one wheel to be locked to the device or which support the bicycle by only one wheel are not recommended for use. Such devices do not provide proper support or security for the bicycle as a whole. They do not meet the requirements of AS 2890.3 and should not be used in new installations. It is recognised that many existing installations do

not meet the requirements of this guide and AS 2890.3 These installations should be replaced progressively giving priority to those where the security risk is greatest. Specific problems related to these types of racks and stands are:

- as only the front wheel can be secured to the rack the remainder of the bicycle can be easily stolen;
- some traditional racks intended for a number of bicycles to be parked side by side are used by cyclists as a leaning rail in order to achieve greater security thus preventing the device from being used as intended;
- they do not provide adequate stability for the bicycles and can result in damage to the bicycles; and
- devices having slots in the ground often have dirt and debris fill the slot making them difficult to use.

10.3.6. Signs and Markings Showing Location and Purpose of Parking Facilities

Signs should be provided to direct cyclists to storage units or devices and thus encourage their use. Storage units and other devices, the purpose of which may not be immediately obvious (e.g. rails), must have instructional signs. Maps and pamphlets can be produced to publicise the location of facilities.

