

Australian Capital Territory

# Road Transport (General) (Pay Parking Area Fees) Determination 2014

Disallowable instrument DI2014—142

made under the

*Road Transport (General) Act 1999*, section 96 (Determination of fees, charges and other amounts)

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Section 96 of the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999* allows the Minister to determine fees, charges and other amounts payable under the road transport legislation.

This determination sets the relevant parking fees for Territory-operated pay parking areas. Under the *Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Regulation 2000*, pay parking areas fall into two categories: metered parking areas (which are established by the road transport authority under section 73(1) of the Regulation) and ticket parking schemes (which are established by the authority under section 76(1) of the Regulation).

The increases in parking fees made by this instrument are consistent with the Government's policies to encourage greater use of sustainable transport options.

The fee increases provided by this instrument take effect on 1 July 2014, when the instrument commences.

The new fees for ticket parking areas located in City, Woden, Tuggeranong, Belconnen, Deakin, Dickson, Griffith (Manuka), Kingston and Yarralumla (near the Albert Hall and Hyatt Hotel) are set out in Schedule 1 of this determination. These areas may be short or multi-stay off-street car parks or on-street parking areas. The applicable fees for part-days and for whole days have been increased in line with inflation, with the maximum daily fee for most ticket parking areas increasing by \$0.50 per day in multi-stay car parks.

The fees for Zone A car parks in the City have risen by \$0.50 to \$12.50 per day. For City Zone B car parks (those on the periphery) have risen by \$0.50 to \$9.50 per day. For the town centres, Zone A fees have risen by \$0.50 to \$9.50 per day, while for Zone B in town centres, the daily fee has risen to \$8.00 per day. The fees for 4-hour car parks in the City have risen by \$0.50 to a maximum of \$12.50 for four hours, while in Woden Town Centre, the fees in 4-hour car parks have risen by \$0.50 to \$11.00 for four hours.

The new fees in parts of Kingston and Yarralumla are intended to discourage commuters in the Parliamentary Zone and Barton office precincts from parking for free all day in those areas and constraining their use by visitors and tourists. The new fees in Yarralumla, in the

vicinity of the Albert Hall and Hyatt Hotel, have been set (\$11.00 per day) at a level similar to the expected fees in the Parliamentary Triangle, which makes it unlikely that commuters from the Parliamentary Triangle will find these car parks attractive as an alternative to paying for parking closer to their offices.

The fees for Kingston cultural precinct have been set at a level (\$8.00 per day) which is considered to offer sufficient discouragement to commuters from Barton and the Parliamentary Triangle.

The new fees for pre-paid all-day parking tickets that are usable in multi-stay ticket parking areas are set out in Schedule 2.

The fee for CIT student pre-paid all-day parking tickets is in Schedule 3. CIT student pre-paid tickets are available to eligible CIT students. The ticket is usable in specific multi-stay ticket parking areas only, near the Reid CIT campus and the Tuggeranong Flexible Learning Centre of the CIT. There is no change to the student parking fee in 2013.

Fees for metered parking areas in City, Braddon, Turner, Phillip, Deakin, Dickson, Kingston (Group Centre) and Griffith (Manuka) are set out in Schedule 4. The meter fees have not been increased, owing to equipment limitations. It is expected that parking meters will be progressively replaced by parking ticket machines in 2014-15.

This determination is a disallowable instrument and must be presented to the Legislative Assembly within 6 sitting days after its notification pursuant to section 64 of the *Legislation Act 2001*.