

Road Transport (General) (Pay Parking Area Fees) Determination 2015 (No.2)

Disallowable instrument DI2015—250

made under the

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

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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. They are also consistent with a Cabinet decision of 15/205 to introduce After Hours Pay Parking rates in selected City Centre parking areas commencing 1 September 2015.

The introduction of After Hours Pay Parking provided by this instrument takes effect on 1 September 2015, when the instrument commences.

The introduction of After Hours Pay Parking, the locations subject to it, the hours of operation, and the fees payable for motorists, are set out in items 2, 7, and 13 within Schedule 1 of this determination.

- The introduction of After Hours Pay Parking includes a small number of multi-stay (2) and short-stay (3) off-street car parking areas.
- The hours of operation for After Hours Pay Parking will vary between the subject parking areas, depending on the existing hours of operation of existing fees charged in those areas. The intent of After Hours Pay Parking is to extend the operation of pay parking from 5:30pm to 10:30pm on weeknights, and from 8:30am to 10:30pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Public holidays are to be excluded from After Hours Pay Parking charges.
- The applicable fees for After Hours Pay Parking – on applicable weeknight and weekend hours - are at the rate of \$1.50 an hour for the first two hours and \$2.00 for the third hour, with a maximum fee of \$5.00.

The updated disallowable instrument includes sixteen (16) parking categories, three more than in the previous disallowable instrument (13). This includes five (5) multi-stay (or all-day) parking categories – one of which includes After Hours Pay Parking, and eleven (11) short-stay categories – two of which include After Hours Pay Parking:

- The three additional categories are as follows:
 - MS01AH: Premium all-day parking in the City Centre with an additional set of rates – where After Hours Pay Parking will be in operation between 5:30pm and 10:30pm Monday to Friday, and 8:30am to 10:30pm Saturday and Sunday. The maximum fee payable for parking in an MS01AH pay parking area during these hours will be \$5.00 – which is reached after three hours. Should a motorist be parked in an MS01AH parking area on a weekday before After Hours rates commence, the maximum fee payable will remain \$14.90 – the same fee that is currently in place for all-day parking in an MS01 parking area. Fees payable for parking in an MS01AH parking area during standard hours (8:30am to 5:30pm Monday to Friday) are the same as those currently in place at these sites, and the same as those charged in MS01 parking areas.
 - SS01AH: Premium short-stay City Centre parking with an additional set of rates, with time limits of four hours or less. Given the more prominent locations of SS01AH parking spaces standard parking fees apply 8:30am to 5:30pm Monday to Thursday, 8:30am to 9:00pm Friday, and 8:30am to noon on Saturday. This sees After Hours Pay Parking rates apply between 5:30pm and 10:30pm Monday to Thursday, 9:00pm and 10:30pm Friday, noon and 10:30pm Saturday, and 8:30am and 10:30pm on Sunday.
 - SS05AH: Short-stay parking in the City Centre and surrounds, and Town Centres – with time limits of two hours or less. This rate will apply to a small parcel of two hour time restricted parking near the Civic Pool. During standard weekday hours (8:30am to 5:30pm) fees payable for parking in an SS05AH zone will be \$1.60 for the first hour and \$2.70 for the second – a total of \$4.30. During After Hours Pay Parking (5:30pm to 10:30pm Monday to Friday and 8:30am to 10:30pm Saturday and Sunday) fees payable will be at the rate of \$1.50 per hour – a total of \$3.00.

Displays on ticket machines within After Hours Pay Parking areas will be updated to reflect the two sets of parking fees in these areas. This will include details on the hours of operation for each set of fees, and the hourly rates for each set of fees. Signs erected in After Hours Pay Parking areas will show the combined hours of operation of pay parking.

This updated disallowable instrument also includes a small number of changes to the parking areas included:

- Some parking areas have been removed owing to ongoing construction work. This includes sections of the Constitution Avenue road corridor near the Civic Pool and Reid CIT campus, which have been closed to parking as part of the ongoing duplication of Constitution Avenue.
- An additional on-street location has been created in Phillip through the extension of Corinna Street through the former Furzer Street surface-level car park to Melrose Drive.

The introduction of After Hours Pay Parking will not affect the price of pre-paid all-day parking tickets that are usable in multi-stay ticket parking areas. These 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.

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*.