

Australian Capital Territory

# Road Transport (General) (Pay Parking Area Fees) Determination 2011

Disallowable instrument DI2011—200

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 commencement clause provides for some clauses (which relate to the fees for ticketed parking areas) to commence on 25 July 2011 (noting that the naming and commencement clauses commence automatically on notification). The remaining provisions, which relate to metered parking areas, will commence on 1 August 2011. This commencement provision takes account of the different time frames for adjusting ticketing machines and parking meters. It is anticipated that the changes to parking meters and associated signage to accommodate the fee increase will not be in place until 1 August 2011. The revocation clause is also split, as the existing fees for metered parking areas are required to remain in force until the new fees come into effect on 1 August 2011.

The new fees for ticket parking areas located in City, Woden, Tuggeranong, Belconnen, Deakin, Dickson, Manuka and Kingston are set out in Schedule 1 of this determination. These areas may be short or multi-stay car parks. The applicable fees for part-days and for whole days have been increased, with the maximum daily fee for most ticket parking areas being increased by \$1.00. The exception is Zone A ticket parking areas in the City, for which the maximum daily fee has increased by \$1.50 in order to retain pricing relativity between the zones.

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 ticket 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.

Fees for metered parking areas in City, Braddon, Turner, Phillip, Deakin, Dickson, Kingston and Griffith (Manuka) are set out in Schedule 4. The meter fees in the City, Turner and Braddon have not been changed so that the hourly rates are consistent with the rates charged in on-street ticket parking areas. Owing to the increased demand for parking in the Woden town centre, meter fees have been increased by 40 cents to \$2.00 per hour. For meters in Deakin, Dickson, Griffith and Kingston fees are increased by 40 cents to \$1.60 per hour.

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*.