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Dear Mr Norman

### **CONGESTION LEVY**

Thank you for your correspondence in relation to the congestion levy and the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The Government understands that this is a challenging time faced by the parking industry.

Like much of the world, Victoria is currently facing a crisis of an unprecedented nature. The Government has taken drastic measures to slow the spread of COVID-19, to help prepare Victoria's health system for an expected surge in cases.

Whilst the Government acknowledges this will have significant impacts on our economy, we are determined to help Victorian businesses, households and workers to survive this crisis.

On 21 March 2020, the Government announced a \$1.7 billion-dollar economic survival and jobs package. This was developed in conjunction with the National Cabinet and complements the work of the Commonwealth Government. This announcement, which is expected to be the first of many announcements in Victoria, included:

- payroll tax refunds for the 2019-20 financial year for businesses with payrolls less than \$3 million and the option to defer liabilities for first three months of 2020-21;
- a \$500 million *Business Support Fund* to support the hardest hit sectors, including hospitality, tourism, accommodation, arts and entertainment, and retail; and
- a \$500 million *Working for Victoria Fund* to be administered in consultation with Victorian Council of Social Services and Victorian Trades Hall Council.

The Commonwealth Government has also announced a range of measures that may be of assistance to all Victorian businesses. For more information, please visit

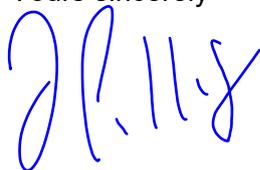
<https://treasury.gov.au/coronavirus/businesses>.

The Government will continue to work closely with business, unions and the Commonwealth in the coming weeks and months.

I encourage you to visit our dedicated website <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus> for further information and advice.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely



**TIM PALLAS MP**

**Treasurer**

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