



Minister for Transport; Planning

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Dear Mr Norman

PERTH PARKING

Thank you for your correspondence dated 16 March 2020 to the Hon Ben Wyatt MLA, Treasurer, regarding your request to suspend the application of the Perth Parking Levy during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) State of Emergency. The Minister has asked me to respond.

I acknowledge the current hardship being faced by many Western Australians as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) State of Emergency, including businesses and land owners in central Perth, whose parking bays must be licensed with a fee paid where liable.

The *Perth Parking Management Act 1999* and associated *Perth Parking Management Regulations 1999* apply a parking levy on non-residential parking bays within the Perth Parking Management Area (PPMA). The current legislation does not provide the ability for the Government to suspend, waive or refund (for hardship or otherwise) the Perth Parking Levy (PPL).

However, the Government has approved no increase to the PPL in 2020-21 in the context of the contemporary economic environment. In addition to this, the Department of Transport (DoT) has pushed back the due dates for payments of licence renewals for 2020-21 by three months to 30 September 2020 to assist with cash flow. Instalment options will still be available to those who desire to pay by instalments.

DoT is working to assist owners during this difficult time. Should building owners within the PPMA desire to reduce the number of fee-liable parking bays at their premises to meet current market demand, they can apply to vary their licence so that it reflects the amount of parking currently being used. Many owners have already exercised this option.

Variation forms for parking bay licences can be requested by contacting the Office of State Revenue on (08) 9262 1223 or by submitting a web enquiry via www.osr.wa.gov.au/perthparkingenquiry. Property owners can also contact DoT via email at parking@transport.wa.gov.au to discuss licensing options.

Thank you for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Jeffery', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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