
0.0 CHANGES TO NSW GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS - PARKING FINES

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this Mayoral Report is to seek the support of my fellow Councillors to opt in to reduce parking fines from \$112 to \$80.

The NSW Government has provided advice to Council where we can act now to take advantage of parking fine concessions for our constituents.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council resolves to reduce parking fines from \$112 to \$80 in line with the changes made to NSW Government regulations.

REPORT

On 30 November 2018, Council was provided advice from the Treasurer and Minister of Industrial Relations about the ability for councils to reduce a number of parking offences from \$112 to \$80.

Councils do not have the power to reduce parking fine amounts, which are set by NSW Government legislation. The NSW Government has now made the regulatory changes that provide councils with the freedom and flexibility to reduce some parking fines.

Councils that opt in by 1 January 2019 to reduce their fines, will be recorded in the relevant regulation, which will be published on the NSW Government legislation website. These councils will be able to charge the lower fine amounts from 1 March 2019. A list of those councils who have opted in, will be made public after 1 January 2019.

The lead time between opting in and the implementation date, reflects the time needed for the NSW Government to make system changes, along with the time required for both NSW Government and councils to update relevant manuals for parking issuing authorities.

If Council does not opt in by 1 January 2019, there will be further opportunities to opt in later in the following year, however the benefits to constituents would be delayed

The current arrangements for parking fines to be indexed annually will continue.

The impact on Eurobodalla Shire Council revenue associated with the reduction of the fines, is estimated to be between \$10 000 - \$50 000 per annum. This variation is due to the parking fines issued annually associated with the offences that would be reduced.