

Motion of Urgency
Cr Vincent De Luca OAM

Australian National Car Parks Pty Ltd - management of Howard Ave, Dee Why Car Park and private car parks regulation

1. That this Council notes with concern:

A. That since Australian National Car Parks Pty Ltd has taken over the management of the Howard Avenue, Dee Why car park many residents have continued to be fined for parking without a ticket due to the sign at the entry to the car park stating in large letters "3 hours free", however in smaller writing it states Ticket Parking;

B. Despite local Community leader, Mr Mike Pawley OAM instigating a Petition, signed by over 450 people in April 2012 for a boom gate, ticket machine and better signage to be installed at the entry to the car park, this has not occurred and residents continue to be fined (proceedings commenced against them) \$180 plus debt recovery costs;

C. The NSW Office of Fair Trading has received a number of complaints about the lack of a ticket machine and clear notification at the entrance to Australian National Car Parks and concerns have been raised in the NSW, Victorian and ACT Parliaments as well as by Consumer groups as to the need for better signage and better consumer protection;

D. Current legislation prevents Local Government from making directives (after consent) as to the placement of payment machines, size of signs and text and their placement in private car parks.

2. That this Council resolves:

A. To write to the Ministers for Local Government and Fair Trading calling for legislative reform to enable local government to impose stricter conditions of consent on private car park operations and make directions in relation to ticketing and signage at private car parks and further consumer protections be introduced to protect those using private car parks.

B. That any future applications regarding the Howard Avenue, Dee Why car park or any other private car park in Warringah be referred to the WDAP in order to ensure full community input.