



Fact Sheet – Fighting Parking Fines

About Red Tape Busters

At Red Tape Busters we have a proud history of being regarded as specialist grant writers, tender writers, job application writers and we also provide specialised assistance to businesses and non profits are known via organisational development and support services

Fighting Parking Fines

- Be realistic, if you have no real excuse and no proof and you know you committed the offence, then pay the fine. Don't waste everyone's time with weak excuses, especially if you have no proof that an error has occurred.
- Review the ticket/fine carefully for errors like incorrect streets, registration numbers, make/model/colour of vehicle, dates, times etc. If a photograph is included review the photograph to determine if other vehicles are in the frame. If the ticket contains wrong information or is not clear it may not be enforceable.
- Closely check the signage involved: is it clear, is it confusing, are the start and end areas of the parking requirements clearly identified on the signs.
- Are there trees or other objects obstructing the view of the sign?
- Take photos of the area and of any obstructions that prevent you from reading the signage. Check for any other mitigating factors i.e. signs pointing the wrong way or lack of clarity with the signs.

- Wherever possible obtain supporting statements from witnesses. Ensure you get their contact details so that their statements can be clarified if required.
- If required seek proof that the parking officer was trained in issuing the ticket and in fact is authorised by the relevant legislation, by-laws etc. to issue the ticket.
- Outline any extenuating circumstances, emergencies etc. which impacted on your decision to park in that area. These need to be proven emergencies such as health issues, picking up an elderly disabled family member or some other generally accepted serious issues – not I was running late to get Johnny to school.
- Put concerns/request for additional information in writing. Write to the agency involved and outline your concerns and seek further information/proof. Remember you are innocent until proven guilty. Ask them to prove their case i.e. are the signs erected and positioned in line with Australian Design Standards and the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices? Provide them with an overview of the proof you have that the fine is not enforceable. If you do have proof, ask them to rescind the ticket and waive it.
- If you have an excellent traffic history with at least 5 years without a fine then table this as evidence of your compliance with laws etc. and seek to have the fine re-considered on this basis.
- Seek the support of your local, state and federal member of parliament if you have a worthy case. Demand that they take the fight up for you. They are your elected representative make them earn their money and your future vote!
- Seek local or national media coverage if you have been harshly dealt with. Try and embarrass them into rescinding the ticket.

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