

Minutes of Meeting

Subject:	Motorcycle Parking in Perth	Date:	31/8/09
Location:	City of Perth Offices, St Georges Tce	Prepared By:	Clive Rawson (MRA)
Attendees:	Doug Foster - Director of Business Units City of Perth Sandra Lieu - Councillor City of Perth David Wright - President, MRA - Motorcycle Riders Association Clive Rawson - Parking Committee - MRA - Motorcycle Riders Association	Circulation: Attendees+ Lisa Scaffidi Lord Major (CoP) Simon O'Brien (Minister of Transport Western Australia)	

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1	<p>Introductions: David Wright introduced himself and the MRA. Clive Rawson introduced himself and explained his role in the MRA Doug Forster introduced himself and provided a background into the current CoP Parking Policy.</p>	
2	<p>Reduction in Motorcycle Parking Levies. Doug Foster confirmed that, as of 1st July, CoP have reduced the fee for off street motorcycle parking in CoP car parks to 33% of the car parking rate as promised. On street parking is currently free so is unaffected. Although CoP intend to start charging for on street motorcycle parking (See Item below).</p>	
3	<p>Additional Off Road Parking Bays Doug Forster presented document stating CoP policy was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All new building developments to have a motorcycle bays a minimum of 5% of total tenant bays • All new and redeveloped short stay parking facilities to have a minimum of 5% motorcycle bays • All new and redeveloped long stay parking facilities to have a minimum of 2% motorcycle bays <p>MRA state that the main problem is with long stay, not short stay, so should be 5% in long stay also. MRA pointed out that Wilson Parking currently offer no motorcycle parking concessions, although are required by law to have 1% Acrod bays. CoP replied that this was a private company outside of their control.</p>	
4	<p>Free unrestricted Parking. The MRA informed the meeting that all other major Australian cities (including Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane and Darwin) were now providing unrestricted free paring for motorcycles in the City Centre and that Perth was the only City that did not offer free parking. MRA lobbied the CoP to consult with other Cities in this regard with the aim of following suit. Doug Forster explained that it was not current CoP policy to treat motorcycles with any preference over other motorists and that CoP had consulted with other cities during formulation of the current Parking Policy. Doug Forster admitted that CoP were providing free unrestricted parking to cyclists. MRA stated that they would be pursuing copies of all consultation and communications with other Cities regarding Motorcycle Parking under the FOI Act.</p>	
5	<p>Charging for On-Road Motorcycle Parking. Doug Forster confirmed that CoP intend to install parking meters in currently free street parking bays in the City. MRA pointed out that this was completely contrary to every other City In Australia. The MRA out that this discourage the use of the currently free parking bays. Clive</p>	

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	<p>also pointed out that most time limited street motorcycle bays were not being used at present, except for bikes that parked all day hoping not to receive a ticket. A recent CoP report claiming these spots were often used by courier riders appears outdated - they no longer exist! MRA encouraged the CoP to update their survey data prior to introducing parking meters.</p>	
6	<p>Motorcycle Parking in Car Bays MRA challenged the CoP for introducing by-laws preventing motorcycles for parking in car bays when no motorcycle bays were available. This appears to be against national guidance and is discriminatory. Doug Forster explained that this was to prevent a bike taking up an entire car bay (even though it was agreed that most cars only had one occupant anyway). However, Doug did clarify that bikes can park anywhere where there are not marked car bays.</p>	
7	<p>Representation on Parking Committee Doug Foster confirmed that is no member of the CoP parking committee is a motorcyclist.</p>	