CITY OF MELOCANE // FRINGEMENT NOTICE Infringements Act 2006, Infringements (Reporting and Prescribed Details and Forms) Regulations 2006

Notice No:509720983

Notice Date: 11/03/2010 Offence Date: 11/03/2010 Offence Time: 08:26 AM

Officer No: 355 Registration: QSP940

Offence No: 702N

Offence: Parked - Fail to pay fee and obey instructions on sign/meter/ticket etc. Road Rule 207 (2) (No Valid Ticket)

Place: LA TROBE STREET Machine No: FNT50

Check Digit:

\*830 090410 2909 509720983 \$58,00 29

Pay By Due Date: 09/04/2010

Infringement Penalty: \$58.00

City of Melbourne use only



To the owner: It is alleged the above vehicle was so parked or stopped as indicated. Failure to pay in 28 days may incur additional costs. See reverse for payment details.

City of Melbourne Parking and Traffic Branch GPO Box 780 **MELBOURNE VIC 3001** 

Re:

**Infringement Notice Dispute** 

Notice No: 509720983, Registration No: OSP940, Offence No: 702N Offence: Failure to pay for parking ticket within apparent allotted time of

approximately 38 seconds from the time car was parked.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to dispute the above-mentioned "infringement" notice, which was presented to me at 8.26am on March 11th 2010, approximately 30-40 seconds after I pulled into the car space in La Trobe Street.

Firstly, allow me to congratulate the officer involved, who's application to his job is something we can all learn from. How's this for dedication: I park my car at approximately 8.25am. I get out of my car & walk around to the boot, where my briefcase is. I dig into my briefcase & come up with the \$8.00 required to pay for my 2 hours of parking. I close the boot & start walking towards the ticket machine (which is right next to my car), when at precisely 8.26am old mate gives me a puzzled look, asks me "where did you come from?" and proceeds to tell me I've been written up & given a ticket.

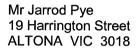
Seriously, I've gotta hand it to him – this guy's a genius. Somehow he knew I fully intended to comply with the regulations and pay for my parking, so he did what any good parking officer would do - he wrote me a ticket before I even had the chance to walk the 8 steps to the machine & pay for one. Officer 355 must get a raise, no questions asked. If the City of Melbourne had more officers that demonstrated this type of innovation, imagine the revenue that could be raised! We might even be able to afford – I don't know, some police? Another giant wheel near Docklands? More parking officers?!

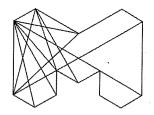
I accept full responsibility for not getting from my car to the ticket machine in time. The 30-40 seconds I let lapse between parking and finding my \$8.00 was clearly my fault. Can you please advise me what the threshold is for time lapsed before purchasing a ticket? In the interim, I will commence winding down my window as I pull in and throwing my coins at the ticket machine in the hope that some find their way into the coin slot - if I can then get a passer-by to hit the button for me, this should enable me to have the ticket before I get out of my car.

Or you could waive the ticket. Please check the officer's notes & do so – this is bullshit.

Yours in disbelief etc.







## CITY OF MELBOURNE

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Dear Mr Pye

**INFRINGEMENT NOTICE:** 

509720983

**VEHICLE REGISTRATION:** 

QSP940

**SERVICE REQUEST NUMBER:** 

1235129

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the above parking infringement.

When we receive a letter contesting a parking infringement, we review the infringement based on evidence we have collected and on the evidence you have provided. Please be advised the infringement has now been withdrawn.

Sincerely

**Customer Compliance - Parking and Traffic** 

Telephone: (03) 9658 9360

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