

## Selling cars on public land prohibited

It is an offence to sell a car without approval on a public road.

People who sell their cars parked on public roads could find they have an unexpected cost under General Local Law 2014 Clause 30.

Council Local Laws Officers will be patrolling these areas and could issue infringements to offending vehicles/owners. Local Laws Coordinator, Bruce Gardiner, said 'on the spot' fines were \$500 with the amount increasing to up to \$1000 if the matter was referred to the courts.

"Selling of cars on the side of the road has been an offence under Local Law for a number of years – it's a disruption to the flow of traffic as people stop, slow down to look or double-park," he explained. "It is also an extremely dangerous distraction to other road users in some circumstances and is an eyesore for those who live near the spot chosen."

State legislation also creates a similar offence at Section 4h of the Summary Offences Act 1966. This legislation is specifically aimed at deterring people from offering motor vehicles for sale on public roads and thoroughfares.

Thankfully, Mr Gardiner said this was not a common complaint locally, but that it was important to make people aware of the legislation to avoid being fined.

"Vehicles for sale are often parked on grassy areas for days at a time and this prevents Council workers from maintaining that area in terms of mowing and weeding for example," he said.

"There are a variety of ways people can sell their cars and thanks to the internet and social media, these means often come at no cost so we urge people to use things like newspaper classifieds, online car websites or community notice boards to advertise their vehicles for sale."

Contact Council's Local Laws team for more information on 5662 9200.

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