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Dear Landowner

CONGESTION LEVY – EXPANSION OF THE LEVY BOUNDARY

The *Congestion Levy Act 2005* (Levy Act) imposes an annual levy on "off street" parking spaces used for parking cars or larger motor vehicles within a defined levy area. The levy applies to all non-exempt parking spaces in both private and public car parks.

Boundary change

As part of the 2013-14 State Budget Update, the Victorian Government announced that the congestion levy boundary will be expanded to include a number of Melbourne's inner suburbs from 1 January 2015. The expansion of the boundary is intended to reduce traffic congestion in suburbs surrounding the CBD and encourage greater use of public transport in these areas. The expansion also seeks to minimise the unfair advantage gained by parking operators located near to, but outside the current congestion levy boundary (Category 1 levy area).

The expansion area (Category 2 levy area) encompasses:

- North - Carlton, Fitzroy, Collingwood, Parkville, Carlton North, Fitzroy North, Princess Hill, North Melbourne and Residential West Melbourne.
- East – Abbotsford.
- South – South Melbourne, Port Melbourne, Albert Park and St Kilda.
- West - Commercial West Melbourne and Kensington.

A detailed map and description of the Category 2 levy area is available on the State Revenue Office's (SRO) website.

Car park owners within the Category 2 levy area are required to register their details with the SRO by 21 January 2015. If the car park is a public car park that is operated by another person under a lease, licence or other arrangement, the operator is also required to register. Car park owners, or the operator if nominated by the owner of a public car park, are also required to submit an estimated annual return for the 2015 levy year by 21 January 2015, which estimates the number of leviable parking spaces that will exist during the 2015 calendar year.

What is required of you?

If you are the owner of one or more car parking spaces within the new Category 2 levy area you need to register with the SRO for the Congestion Levy. To register, you need to complete the **Application for registration for Congestion Levy in Category 2 area form** which can be accessed via a link on our website. This form also enables the operator of a public car park to register and incorporates the 2015 annual return.

If an exemption under the Levy Act does not apply to the parking space you may be liable for the Levy in 2015.


Please ensure this form is completed and returned to the SRO no later than 21 January 2015 to avoid any penalties.

Free Information Webinars

The Customer Education Unit at the SRO will be conducting free online webinars in October and November 2014, explaining the recent legislative changes to the congestion levy and the impact on car park owners. To register, simply go to www.sro.vic.gov.au/CGLcalendar for a full list of available sessions and follow the prompts. A confirmation email will be issued to you with log in and audio instructions upon registration.

Should you have any queries or require further information about the congestion levy, including information relating to the registration process or levy exemptions and concessions, please visit our website at www.sro.vic.gov.au/newlevyarea.

Yours Faithfully



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