

# Conversations

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**HOT TOPIC**  
**Should parking inspectors approach people they are ticketing?**  
RE: "Footy fine frustration", Progress Leader, July 18

THIS is why there is conflict – instead of saying you can't park here, they sneakily take a photo. Laughing their way to their monthly quota as well.  
**ALLAN, via online**

**HILARIOUS.** Photographing vehicles – more fines. Writing out tickets for all to see – less fines. Go council.  
**RUSSELL, via online**

I WISH to convey my heartfelt thanks to the Boroondara parking officers who patrol my residential street.

I live near the Stradbroke Park ovals. Illegal parking is common when frustrated drivers are unable to find a car park close to the local sporting grounds and the Kew High School stadium. These drivers park in our residential permit zones, overstay the time limits, park in "No Stopping" zones, ignore the hockey sticks painted next to crossovers to allow resident access, and park across our driveways.

The parking officers need to be congratulated for issuing infringement notices to the sporting community who somehow believe they have the right to park "wherever" because the game is about to commence.

I have heard our parking officers

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Mike Pape received a parking fine, but no ticket was left on his windshield.

being verbally abused, and I have seen them being "eyeballed" and intimidated.

It doesn't surprise me that the parking officers do not wish to be "obvious" when issuing an infringement notice.

They often work on their own and they know that with each ticket issued there is the likelihood they will be challenged, harassed and even abused. This unreasonable behaviour creates a risk to their health and safety.

Why don't the sporting visitors arrive earlier, park legally and then indulge in an activity called walking? Much healthier for all, I would suggest.

**NAME AND ADDRESS SUPPLIED**

THE parking officer did the right thing. Why risk his safety when carrying out his job?

This man may well have been reasonable about it, but someone else could have belted him.

**TRACEY, via online**

TRACEY – wow, talk about a tall

**YOUR SAY**  
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assumption. With your thinking none of us should leave our homes. You never know when anyone in the outside world might bop you one.  
**L, via online**

JUST cop the fine and move on. You parked illegally and the council ticket inspector was doing his job.  
**P, via online**

WHILE I'm no fan of parking officers, if you're going to drive over cobblestones on to a garden bed and park your car, whether the

parking officer is spying or not, you fully deserve a ticket.  
**ADRIAN, via online**

THE guy parked within the grounds of a football/cricket club. Who cares where he parks? People do this regularly all over Victoria every day.

A \$200 fine for that is out of proportion. Parking fines, unless parked directly inconveniencing other people, should be capped at \$50. Such revenue raising/disgrace of an offence.  
**ALAN, via online**

LEGITIMATE ticket in this case, but the increase in covert methodology by parking officers is creating more animosity towards them.  
**RYAN, via online**

**Serious about renewables**

IT MAY be an inconvenient truth for some but the Turnbull Government has overseen record levels of investment in renewables ("Is Australia doing enough to help the environment?", Conversations, Progress Leader, July 18).

In 2016 there was a fivefold increase in renewables over the previous year with nearly \$8 billion of renewables investments either under construction or planned.

The Renewable Energy Target together with our National Energy Productivity Plan which is reducing emissions in the use of appliances and across the built environment, our Emissions Reduction Fund which focuses on the land sector and the phasing out of hydro-fluoro carbons under recently passed legislation, are all contributing.

Just as Australia beat its first Kyoto target and is on track to beat

**trending online**




**VFL RESERVES AXED**  
THE VFL Reserves have played a key role in the development of AFL stars such as Liam Picken – but administrators have sounded the death knell for the comp. In a decision slammed by coaches.

**AMAZON EYES DANDY**  
ONLINE retailer Amazon is set to launch its physical presence in Australia in Melbourne. It has advertised management and warehouse jobs based in Dandenong South.

**CRIME SPREE IN EAST**  
RAM raiders have gone on an overnight spree in Wheelers Hill and Waverley Park, hitting a jewellery store, supermarket and a primary school.

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its 2020 target by 224 million tonnes, we are confident that we will meet our 2030 target of 26-28 per cent emissions reduction on 2005 levels.

The Government is not just taking emissions reduction seriously but delivering real action at the lowest cost to consumers.

**JOSH FRYDENBERG,**  
Kooyong federal Liberal MP and Environment Minister

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