

# PARKING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION OF TRAVEL

Parking in the wrong direction of travel is dangerous as the vehicle first has to travel on the wrong side of the road which exposes other road users to the risk of a head on collision. Also, the vehicle may unreasonably obstruct the path of other vehicles. For these reasons parking in the wrong direction of travel is illegal.

In accordance with regulation 208 of the [Australian Road Rules](#):

(2) the driver must position the vehicle to face:

- (a) in the direction of travel of vehicles in the marked lane or line of traffic on, or next to, the part of the road where the driver parks; or
- (b) if there is no traffic on, or next to, that part of the road—in the direction in which vehicles could lawfully travel on that part of the road.

(3) If the road is a two-way road, the driver must position the vehicle parallel, and as near as practicable, to the far left side of the road.

## WHAT IS THE PENALTY?

The penalty for parking in the wrong direction of travel exceeds **\$257**, and increases to **\$330 plus two (2) demerit points** within a **school zone**.

## HOW SHOULD I PARK MY VEHICLE ON A PUBLIC ROADWAY?

The driver of a motor vehicle may park that vehicle on the roadway in the correct direction of travel and as near as practical to the far left side of the road, not on the nature strip and provided all other parking restrictions are complied with.

## WHO ISSUES PENALTIES FOR PARKING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION OF TRAVEL?

The police or authorised Council Rangers may issue fines for offences under the Australian Road Rules.

**For further information about parking restrictions, contact Council's Rangers on (02) 4732 7543.**