



# Pay and display

## Frequently Asked Questions

Learmonth Airport is the gateway for air travel between Perth and Exmouth and effectively serves the needs of the business community, local residents, tourists and the oil and gas sector.

The Airport handles some 43,000 departing regular public transport (RPT) passengers each year across a current schedule of 12 RPT jet flights per week delivered by Qantas. Parking facilities at the airport are limited and carpark congestion caused by long stay parking is becoming more common.

The Shire of Exmouth is moving to a pay and display parking model similar to other regional airports. This will encourage people to consider alternative options to leaving their cars at the airport for extended periods. Experience in other local government areas shows that this significantly reduces parking congestion. We are also working with hire car companies to ensure they only park in allocated bays and do not spill into public parking areas or on verges.

### **How much will the parking cost?**

Picking up and dropping off passengers, will still be FREE under the new arrangements with charges levied as follows:

- o First four hours free
- o Day parking (more than 4 hours): \$5.50
- o Weekly parking: \$35.00

### **When does it start?**

Pay and display parking will come into effect from 19 August 2019.

### **Will fines be applicable?**

Parking will be monitored and compliance enforced by daily checking of displayed parking tickets.

While there will be a period of grace in which warnings will be issued, however fines will be enforced once the system is established. Minimum fines will be \$60.00.

### **How will we pay for parking?**

Every car parking at Learmonth Airport will be required to obtain a parking ticket to display on their vehicle dashboard, even if you are parking for free.

Ticket machines are located outside the terminal departure area and payments can be made by card (no cash accepted). The machines are EMV compliant and have paywave smart card capability.

### **Why not just extend the carpark?**

The cost of extending the car park is significant and all ratepayers would foot the bill.

Free parking places added pressure on the availability of public parking spaces and typically triggers use of the non-designated and unprepared overflow areas causing damage to these surfaces. Pay and display will dampen demand and allow better management of public parking areas and avoid the need to undertake an expensive parking infrastructure expansion.

Implementing a pay and display at Learmonth Airport will deter the current air traveler who is parking their car free of cost for more than one day. This travel pattern can range from a RPT day user passenger to the extended air traveler pattern such as the current FIFO workers that may park their vehicles at Learmonth Airport free of cost for up to a two week period or more.

Paid parking will also encourage greater use of the current airport shuttle service and ride sharing.