

The Hon. Justin MADDEN, MLC  
Minister for Planning  
Level 17, 8 Nicholson Street  
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28/1/2008

Dear Mr Madden,

The Yarra Park Association has been formed with the goal of removing all car parking from Yarra Park (around the MCG). FYI see <http://www.yarrapark.org>

Melbourne City Council at its meeting on 26/6/2007 resolved to raise the parking fee at Yarra Park from \$6 to \$8. This change is in accordance with the Yarra Park Parking Agreement signed on behalf of the State Government by the then Minister for Planning, Rob Hulls on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2005.

The Agreement states that “The Parties agree in principle that parking fees should continue to be increased over time until parity with the parking charges at other Venues in the Precinct is reached.”

Current the cost of parking at Yarra Park is still \$6 per car per day, whereas the report to Melbourne City Council states that “the fees charged by Melbourne and Olympic Parks and Federation Square for parking at times of major events in the Sports and Entertainment Precinct are \$10 and \$8 respectively.”

Why has the Government so far failed to agree to the increase, despite being bound by the Parking Agreement to do so?

Regards,  
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