

## Have your say on proposed accident towing and storage fees

Fees for towing vehicles damaged in road accidents and holding them in storage yards will increase by no more than broader transport costs over the next four years under a draft recommendation from the state's economic regulator of essential services.

Every four years the Essential Services Commission [conducts a review of accident towing and storage fees](#) within Melbourne and the Mornington Peninsula. The commission then makes recommendations to the Minister for Roads about the regulated fees.

Accident towing and storage charges are the only regulated towing fees in Victoria. Unregulated trade towing and storage services include clearway, impound and breakdown towing jobs.

The commission's director of pricing Marcus Crudden says the draft report proposes the current regulated accident towing fees and storage fees are appropriate.

"Stakeholders had mixed views on maintaining the existing accident towing fees, but our benchmarking analysis shows that no change is required, and they are in line with regulated fees in Sydney, Queensland and Adelaide," he said.

"Current accident towing fees provide adequate compensation for the additional work required for an accident towing job, compared to a trade towing job."

Mr Crudden says the current regulated storage fees are in line with industry costs.

"We found the regulated storage fees to be consistent with trade towing and vehicle impounding, as well as land rental values and storage utilisation," he said.

Anyone who is interested can now visit [Engage Victoria](#) to have their say on the recommendations before a final report goes to the minister in April 2022.

Submissions on this draft report close on 11 February 2022.

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