

GREENS ADDRESS INFRINGEMENT INEQUITY

BECAUSE A MINOR INFRINGEMENT SHOULDN'T BE FINANCIALLY DEVASTATING

The ACT Greens want to ensure that every Canberran has the best chance to succeed in life.

But we know that the cost of living crisis is actually an inequality crisis and when costs go up, the divide between rich and poor only grows.

To people who are already struggling, fines for minor infringements can be financially devastating.

The ACT Greens want to introduce a fine system that recognises a person's capacity to pay and fines them accordingly.

We will halve fines for concession card holders, in what would be an effective way to ease the disproportionate burden placed on vulnerable people by fines.

THE ACT GREENS WILL:

- ▲ Halve the cost of infringement fines for all concession card holders

HALVING FINES FOR CONCESSION CARD HOLDERS

ACKNOWLEDGING A PERSON'S CAPACITY TO PAY

Applying the same penalty for a minor offence is not always fair. A \$300 fine may be insignificant to someone on a \$300K income, but will have a major impact for a student who is already in debt.

We already recognise that people who hold concession cards are not financially well-off. They receive discounts across a whole range of government and non-government services, from public transport fares to museum tickets. The same courtesy should be extended when they make mistakes and receive fines.

The ACT Greens will halve the cost of fines on minor offences for holders of a Concession Card. This would include things like parking tickets, or accidentally running a red light.

This would be administered through the existing system, which allows people with concession cards to access payment plans, and would be an effective way to ease the disproportionate burden placed on vulnerable people by fines.

WHAT'S THE INVESTMENT?

Administered within existing programs and funds.