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## **ANMF calls for resolution to car parking con**

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (SA Branch) has sought urgent clarification from the Adelaide City Council as to how it will address the obvious lack of appropriate car parking in the North Adelaide vicinity, following reports that its councillors are parking illegally and having their fines waived if on 'council business'.

Reports over the weekend suggest that Adelaide City councillors have had more than \$6000 in parking fines – or 52 per cent of all fines issued to councillors - waived since January 2012.

ANMF (SA Branch) CEO/Secretary Adj Assoc Professor Elizabeth Dabars AM said that if true, the policy was hypocritical and unfair on the dedicated nursing and midwifery staff who work at hospitals in the North Adelaide area.

“The suggestion that Adelaide City Councillors are knowingly and willingly parking illegally due to a lack of appropriate car parking is an alarming double-standard if true,” Ms Dabars said.

“The Council has maintained it is the employers’ responsibility to ensure its staff are provided safe and accessible car parking, but at the same time appears that many councillors get a free pass to flout those same regulations that everyone else has to adhere to.”

“It is completely unfair to have one set of rules for councillors and another for the patients, families and staff accessing car parks in North Adelaide.”

In a letter sent to the Adelaide City Council yesterday, Ms Dabars called on the council to outline how it planned to address the lack of car parking in light of these reports.

“Given the Adelaide City Council’s previous assertions that it is the employer’s responsibility to ensure its staff can access safe and appropriate car parking, I would be grateful if you could indicate what plans the Council is putting in place to ensure its staff and councillors do the same,” Ms Dabars said in the letter.

The ANMF has also sought clarification as to whether the policy of having car parking fines waived also applies to Adelaide City Council staff, not just councillors, and whether any of the waived fines were issues during event parking restrictions.