

## **FINE ENFORCEMENT AND RECOVERY UNIT**

### **More flexible options now available for paying overdue fines**

People now have more flexible options to pay their overdue fines, due to changes to the management of fines in South Australia.

A new unit – the Fines Enforcement and Recovery Unit– has been established within the Attorney-General’s Department to recover overdue fine amounts owed to state and local government bodies. These functions moved from the Courts Administration Authority to the new Fines Unit on 3 February 2014.

### **What this means for fines owed in South Australia**

- It’s now easier for people to manage overdue fines, with more options available. Overdue fines can be paid online and over the phone, and in person at any Australia Post Office or Service SA Customer Service Centre.
- People can apply for a Payment Arrangement to spread their payment over a longer period, even before a fine is sent to the Fines Unit for enforcement). Prior to February 2014, an ‘application for relief’ had to be submitted to gain any kind of payment arrangement.
- For those who evade paying their fines, escalating enforcement measures will be applied to recover the amounts owed. These enforcements include suspending driver’s licences, clamping and impounding vehicles, seizing and selling assets, and making deductions directly from a person’s bank account or salary.

**Get in touch with the Fines Unit today if you have overdue fines. Just call 1800 659 538 or visit [www.fines.sa.gov.au](http://www.fines.sa.gov.au)**