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SDRO HAS IDENTIFIED A PRINTING ERROR RELATING TO SOME FINES ISSUED FOR DOUBLE DEMERIT POINT OFFENCES

The State Debt Recovery Office (SDRO) has identified a computer systems error, which has resulted in a number of drivers receiving fines with incorrect demerit points. These relate to offences that occurred during the October long weekend double demerit point period.

In these instances only the standard quantity of demerit points were stated on the notice instead of the double demerit points.

Double demerit points are an important tool to improve road safety and reduce the road toll in NSW, particularly over public holiday long weekends when there are a greater volume of motorists on the road and when families are travelling on vacation in unfamiliar areas.

Double demerit point periods are widely publicised to remind motorists to adhere to safe driving, especially speed limits.

For this reason, the correct amount of double demerit points will stand and be applied to the person's licence by the Roads and Traffic Authority.

'Although this was an administrative error made by the State Debt Recovery Office, it should in no way diminish the importance and integrity of the double demerit system', said Mick Mioduszewski, SDRO Director.

'We are therefore writing to all affected drivers confirming that double demerit points apply, and apologising for the inconvenience caused by the error.'

The error resulted from a malfunction in a recent upgrade of SDRO's computer system. The system has now been fixed to prevent the problem occurring again.

The fine has not been affected.

NSW driver licence holders can check their demerit point record via www.rta.nsw.gov.au and drivers who think they may be affected can call 1300 138 118 for further information.

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