



## THODEY REVIEW RECOMMENDS GENERATIONAL REFORM OPPORTUNITY IN ROAD USER CHARGING FOR EVs

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Infrastructure Partnerships Australia welcomes the Federal Financial Relations Review's recommendation today to deliver a once in a generation reform and a fairer road funding system by introducing a distance-based charge on electric vehicles.

The recommendation to introduce a road user charge on electric vehicles was first put forward by Infrastructure Partnerships Australia in a landmark [report](#) released in November last year.

"The NSW Government has a clear mandate through the Thodey review today to introduce a distance-based charge on electric vehicles and level the playing field on how we pay for roads," said Infrastructure Partnerships Australia, Chief Executive Adrian Dwyer.

"While a shift to electric vehicles could be great for the environment, we still need to make sure we can fund essential transport services.

"Applying a road user charge on electric vehicles is a smart, future-focused decision because as more electric vehicles take to the roads, there will be less money to pay for those roads.

"Right now, a person driving a petrol car is paying fuel excise at the pump, while electric vehicle drivers don't pay their fair share to drive on the roads.

"Applying a simple distance-based charge to electric vehicles will ensure every motorist makes a fair and sustainable contribution to the use of the roads and will help secure a vital stream of transport funding for generations to come.

"Any new charging system need not detract from electric vehicle uptake. In fact, a road user charge can provide certainty to prospective electric vehicle owners about future costs and be set at a rate equivalent to fuel excise.

"The NSW Treasurer has led the way on reform and this is the moment to build back better, unlock major productivity benefits and incorporate a road user charge for EVs into the COVID-19 recovery agenda," Mr Dwyer said.

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