



NSW TREASURER SHOWS BOLD LEADERSHIP IN BACKING EV RUC REFORM

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Infrastructure Partnerships Australia Chief Executive, Adrian Dwyer has commended the NSW Treasurer Dominic Perrottet for committing to take a proposal for a road user charge for electric vehicles to NSW Cabinet.

“The NSW Treasurer has backed in a better deal for NSW motorists by pledging his support for a road user charge for electric vehicles,” said Mr Dwyer.

“The Treasurer has listened to the weight of evidence in favour of a fair and simple, distance-based charge on electric vehicles.

“We welcome the NRMA for taking a sensible and future-focused position on this issue and siding with Treasurer Perrottet to support a road user charge for electric vehicles.

“While a shift to electric vehicles could be great for the environment, we still need to make sure we can fund transport services to help people spend less time in their cars.

“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.

“Applying a road user charge on electric vehicles is a smart, future-focused decision. As more electric vehicles take to the roads, there will be less money to pay for those roads,” Mr Dwyer said.

“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 reality is that electric vehicles don’t float, and we need to act now to make sure the roads they will use are funded fairly and sustainably:

“For the last three decades, policy makers and numerous motoring groups including Australian Automobile Association, RACV, RACQ, and the NRMA have all called for action on road reform.

“With South Australia taking the first step towards a fairer road funding system through their Budget this week, now is the time for other states and territories to follow and seize this once-in-a-generation reform opportunity.





“Reform of Australia’s transport networks can unlock major productivity benefits, but unless we act now to update our road funding system, Australia is going to be stuck in the slow lane,” Mr Dwyer said.

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