



VIC TREASURER ANNOUNCES HISTORIC REFORM WITH EV ROAD USER CHARGING PROPOSAL

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Victorian Treasurer, Tim Pallas has today seized a historic reform opportunity by committing to a road user charge on Electric Vehicles from the 1 July next year, according to [Infrastructure Partnerships Australia](#).

“Today, Treasurer Pallas delivered one of the most important reforms in a generation,” said Mr Dwyer.

“For decades politicians and policy makers have talked about modernising the way we fund our roads, but today Treasurer Pallas acted.

“At its heart, this reform is about fairness. It’s not fair that right now a family in a Mazda or Kia is paying to use the roads while a millionaire in an electric Tesla, Porsche or Jaguar gets a free ride.

“Other countries and states around the world, including New Zealand, California, South Australia, Oregon and Utah have already moved to introduce comparable mechanisms and pilots to help future-proof the way they pay for road building and maintenance.

“Applying a simple distance-based charge on Electric Vehicles will ensure every motorist makes a fair and sustainable contribution and will help secure a vital stream of transport funding for generations to come.

“While a shift to Electric Vehicles could deliver many environmental and health benefits, they don’t levitate, and should be paying to use the roads like everyone else.

“Any argument that suggests this proposal is anti-EV is just plain wrong. As Treasurer Pallas has shown we can support the uptake of Electric Vehicles while also creating a fairer funding approach.

“Independent modelling by EY shows definitively that a modest road user charge like that announced today, will not retard uptake of Electric Vehicles - which will still be cheaper to own and run than a petrol or diesel option,” said Mr Dwyer.

“With South Australia and Victoria leading the way and NSW indicating it will soon follow, we now have bipartisan support across liberal and labor states for a modern road funding system. We look forward to other states and territories also seizing this once-in-a-generation reform opportunity,” said Mr Dwyer.

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