

NSW PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION JOINS CHORUS OF VOICES BACKING AN EV ROAD USER CHARGE

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[Infrastructure Partnerships Australia](#) welcomes the NSW Productivity Commission's White Paper recommendation to abolish the motor vehicle duty and introduce a road user charge on Electric Vehicles (EV) in NSW.

"The NSW Productivity Commission has joined a growing chorus of voices backing the introduction of a road user charge for EVs combined with purchase incentives in NSW," said Infrastructure Partnerships Australia, Chief Executive Adrian Dwyer.

"The White Paper rightly points out the rapid and terminal decline in federal fuel excise revenue and the inefficiency of state Motor Vehicle Duty, and puts forward a pragmatic and sensible reform that will benefit all road users and taxpayers.

"The Thodey Review and now the NSW Productivity Commission have both independently agreed that leveraging the EV technology transition provides the best chance we have to introduce a fair and sustainable way to pay for roads.

"The independent advice from Australia's best policy makers is compelling, and stands in stark contrast to the fear campaign against reform.

"Creating a better road funding system doesn't have to come at the expense of decarbonising our transport sector – we can have our cake and eat it too.

"The Victorian Government has demonstrated that you can deliver a world-class EV support package while future-proofing the road network at the same time.

"The NSW Government should follow the Victorian Government's lead and introduce a road user charge alongside a comprehensive strategy to tackle transport emissions.

"The policy case and evidence for reform is clear - now is the time for action," said Mr Dwyer.

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