



VICTORIA MAKES HISTORY IN FUTURE PROOFING ROAD FUNDING

The infrastructure sector congratulates Treasurer Tim Pallas and the Victorian crossbench for making history last night by passing the Zero and Low Emission Vehicles Distance-Based Charge Legislation.

“Treasurer Pallas and the sensible crossbench have stared down a fringe fear campaign and future proofed road funding,” said Infrastructure Partnerships Australia, Chief Executive Adrian Dwyer.

“This is a ringing endorsement of the fact it is possible to encourage electrification of transport and still be able to pay for infrastructure.

“Victoria has now married Australia’s best EV policy with world leading funding reform.

“Victoria is knocking down barriers to EV ownership by delivering more than \$3 in support for every dollar raised from their road user charge.

“Victoria has put to bed the false claim that we cannot fix our broken road funding system and tackle transport emissions at the same time.

“Leveraging an established technology in EVs provides the best chance we have to finally introduce a fair and sustainable way to pay for roads.

“It’s now time for the NSW Government to follow the Victorian playbook and introduce a road user charge on EVs alongside a comprehensive proposal to turn the state’s light vehicle fleet green.

“The NSW Budget is the perfect opportunity to deliver on this commitment.

“We are already seeing a rapid and terminal decline in fuel excise revenue and we cannot afford to delay introducing a road user charge on EVs.

“Other countries and states around the world, including New Zealand, California, 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.

“Delaying the introduction of a road user charge on EVs will only see us fall behind other world-leading jurisdictions and deny governments the essential revenue they need to continuing funding our vital road networks,” said Mr Dwyer.

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