

NSW UNITES WITH VICTORIA IN PURSUIT OF MODERN ROAD FUNDING SYSTEM

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The NSW Government has shown it's possible to have our cake and eat it on EVs and road funding, with the announcement a road user charge on zero emissions vehicles will be delivered alongside a comprehensive EV incentive package, says infrastructure think tank [Infrastructure Partnerships Australia](https://www.infrastructure.org.au).

“There is now a consensus across the political aisle in Australia's two largest states that a road user charge for EVs is smart future-focused reform,” said Infrastructure Partnerships Australia Chief Executive Adrian Dwyer.

“After 30 years of zero progress on road reform, we now have Liberal and Labor states committed to a modern road funding future.

“NSW has shown once again that it is possible to have our cake and eat it on EVs – we can increase uptake and make sure everyone pays their fair share to use the roads.

“Even though NSW will lose out on vital road funding revenue in delaying the introduction of their distance-based charge, the legislation of the mechanism puts in place a better deal for motorists and taxpayers.

“In the last month, more than 600 registrations of interest have been made to Victoria's EV subsidy program and imports of new electric vehicles to the state have more than tripled in the last six months.

“This puts to bed the disingenuous claim that a road user charge will slam the brakes on EV sales in Australia.

“NSW has matched Victoria by designing an incentive package that reduces the biggest barrier to EV uptake in Australia – the upfront cost.

“Combining the \$3,000 upfront subsidy with the removal of stamp duty, alongside the investment in network charging infrastructure and state and non-state fleet targets will turn the ignition on the transition to a greener transport sector.

“With this comprehensive package on the table, the NSW Parliament should put their full-bore support behind the EV road user charging legislation,” said Mr Dwyer.

Infrastructure Partnerships Australia is the nation's infrastructure think tank, providing independent policy research focused on excellence in social and economic infrastructure.

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