



## **WA JOINS THE PACK WITH SENSIBLE ZERO EMISSION TRANSPORT AND ROAD USER CHARGING REFORM**

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Infrastructure Partnerships Australia Chief Executive Adrian Dwyer has warmly welcomed the WA Government's decision to introduce a comprehensive zero emission transport package alongside sensible road user charging reform ahead of the 2022-23 State Budget.

"Premier McGowan has delivered a major win for the climate and road users today with the Government's comprehensive zero emission transport package", said Infrastructure Partnerships Australia Chief Executive, Adrian Dwyer.

"The McGowan Government's zero emission and road reform package strikes the right balance between encouraging EVs and making sure we can fund our roads for generations to come.

"The Government's incentives package will not only help reduce the upfront cost of EVs, but also set a clear path to rapidly decarbonise the transport sector.

"Viewed holistically, a modest distance-based charge coupled with generous incentives for EVs presents the perfect solution to two of our most pressing generational challenges.

"Applying a simple distance-based charge to electric vehicles in Western Australia will ensure every motorist makes a fair and sustainable contribution to the use of the state's critical road network.

"Three out of four Australians now live under an announced or legislated road user charging scheme.

"All but one Australian state has seen the light on road user charging reform – it's now time for Queensland and the Territories to follow WA's lead," Mr Dwyer said.

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