

Road user charges to be nationally consistent

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Motor Trade Association of WA Policy Statement

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Recommendations

1. Engage relevant stakeholders to develop a suitable road user charging scheme framework for all vehicles.
2. Legacy fleet vehicle owners should not be disadvantaged through the development of a modern road user charge scheme.
3. Road user charging framework must consider the impact on road pavement and associated infrastructure, such as vehicle weight and usage, not emission production.

Background

- Recommendation 34 made in MTA WA submission to the National Electric Vehicle Strategy Consultation Paper, 31 October 2022
- <https://consult.dcccew.gov.au/national-electric-vehicle-strategy/submission/view/421>

Rationale

- Government road funding from traditional fuel excise will reduce as alternative fuel-powered vehicles increase in popularity.
- Lack of a clear policy on the future of EV and alternative fuelled vehicle road user charges may impact consumer confidence.
- For consumers to make an informed decision on an EV purchase, they must be aware of impending charges that may be applied by the government.
- To mitigate this, the MTA WA holds the view that the federal government must proactively lead the development and management of a nationally consistent road user charge scheme.

Scope

Road user charging scheme to replace the current fuel excise for light vehicles.

End.

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