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Call for Tasmanians to sign fuel petition

RACT has today launched a petition calling on the State Government to introduce real-time fuel price monitoring in a bid to lower petrol prices across the state.

'We know that rising fuel costs are heavily impacting Tasmanian households,' RACT Executive General Manager, Membership and Community, Stacey Pennicott said.

'Fuel prices in Tasmania continue to be higher than interstate.

'The gap between the wholesale terminal gate price and retail price is inconsistent and often larger than our accepted average of 14 cents per litre.'

Ms Pennicott said RACT had been in repeated contact with the State Government calling for legislated real-time fuel price monitoring in Tasmania.

'We believe that this will hold fuel retailers to account, create more competition in the market, and drive prices down,' she said.

Ms Pennicott said RACT had called for real-time fuel price monitoring to be funded in its past three State Budget submissions.

'We have also written to the government on five separate occasions in the past 12 months calling for action on fuel prices.

'Despite all this, to date we have seen no action.'

Ms Pennicott said it was time the Tasmanian public made their voices heard.

'We have launched an online petition not only for our members, but for all Tasmanians to sign and take a stand against the rising cost of fuel,' she said.

'It takes less than a minute and every signature will make a difference.'

The petition can be found at www.ract.com.au/fuel-petition.

Ms Pennicott said RACT was calling on the Tasmanian Government to look at the [New South Wales model](#) of fuel price monitoring.

The NSW Government has implemented a Fuel Check Order under the Fair Trading Act that makes it compulsory for fuel retailers to report their retail prices at the petrol pump. The legislation states that:

- Operators of service stations must ensure that the government is notified, by means of the website (www.fuelcheck.nsw.gov.au), of the standard retail price and the date and time this price was offered.
- The standard retail price is defined as the price per litre at which the fuel is available to retail customers without any discounts or special offers.
- Failure to register or notify current fuel prices in compliance with this Order is an offence under the Act.

FuelCheck allows motorists to:

- Find and get directions to the cheapest fuel in their area.
- Find and get directions to the nearest service station of their preferred brand.
- Compare fuel and petrol prices according to type, such as E10, Unleaded, Premium Unleaded, Diesel, LPG, and more.
- Advise NSW Fair Trading if the price displayed in FuelCheck doesn't match the price at the pump.

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