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## **Take care on our roads, shop around for best fuel price these school holidays**

With school holidays starting today, the RACT is urging all Tasmanians to take care on our roads.

“Conditions at this time of the year can be quite dangerous and with more families expected to hit the road, everybody needs to play their part to stay safe,” said RACT’s Chief Member Experience Officer, Stacey Pennicott.

“In particular, Tasmanians need to avoid the fatal five - speed, not wearing seat belts, alcohol and drugs, distraction and fatigue.

“People also need to shop around to find the best fuel prices.

“At the moment, while we are seeing very similar wholesale prices for diesel and unleaded petrol the price of diesel at the pump is, on average, over 10 cents per litre more expensive than unleaded. This is a big concern to the community and we believe that motorists have been overcharged more than \$15 million at the bowser since March this year, with diesel accounting for over \$6 million of that.

“The Government has recently announced that it will introduce new rules that require real time fuel pricing. Once that system is in place it will be a big help to motorists and we will continue to work with the Government to ensure the new rules benefit Tasmanians.”