

## RACT Policy #10 – Motoring Taxation and Charges

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## **RACT POLICY**

# **7 : MOTORING TAXATION & CHARGES**

### **7.1 TAXATION**

No tax or charge should unfairly discriminate against private motorists. Motorists should not be used as a source of additional general revenue by any government.

### **7.2 ROAD SAFETY LEVY**

- a) Notwithstanding 7.1, RACT supports the Road Safety Levy, a tax collected via the vehicle registration system in Tasmania on the basis that:
  - (i) a revenue source was needed to fund key road safety initiatives in the *Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2007–2016 and subsequent Strategies*; and
  - (ii) all revenues collected via the Levy are directed to the current Road Safety Strategy.
- b) The RACT would not oppose the occasional review of the levy to ensure funding is maintained and to fund new road safety initiatives that require increased levels of investment.

### **7.3 FUEL EXCISE**

- a) The current Federal fuel excise, indexed biannually in February and August,) is inequitable. Passenger vehicle motorists are paying more than the costs they incur to the community via the use of their private motor vehicle.
- b) RACT supports the abolition of a Fuel Excise for all motorists and its replacement with a transparent, user-pays based road user charge, covering all road users equitably, which reflects the true cost of the use of a motor vehicle. Road user charges should duly consider social, crash, environmental and road maintenance costs.
- c) The RACT supports an increased percentage of motoring related taxes to be spent on road infrastructure capital works

### **7.4 STATE CHARGES**

Any increases to motor taxation and registration fees should not exceed the relevant CPI rate.

### **7.5 TOLLS AND PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (PPPS)**

RACT considers that PPPs and the imposition of tolls should be seen as an option for financing major improvements to the road system.