



Impact of Petrol Pricing Select Committee

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The Impact of Petrol Pricing Select Committee was appointed by the Queensland Parliament on 25 August 2005 to examine a range of issues regarding petrol pricing in Queensland.

Media Release

Road Funding Findings

The Impact of Petrol Pricing Select Committee report tabled in the Queensland Parliament today calls for a greater share of road funding to be allocated to Queensland.

The non-partisan committee has recommended the federal Minister for Roads be lobbied to increase the allocation of road funding to Queensland and called for a more rigorous approach to road funding allocations.

Evidence before the committee was that the Commonwealth will collect about \$13.5 billion from fuel excise in Queensland over five years from 2004-05.

One fifth of that figure (about \$2.7 billion) will be allocated by the Commonwealth to land transport in Queensland over the same period.

In contrast, the committee accepted evidence in the Inquiry which concluded that Queensland has the most unsafe National Highway system in Australia.

A key recommendation of the Inquiry is a call for future road funding allocations to the states from the federal government to be based on risk assessments.

The committee urged all levels of government to deliver timely and efficient expenditure of monies allocated to road projects.

The RACQ told the committee approximately 15 per cent of Commonwealth excise revenue is allocated to state and local governments for roads.

The connection between road funding and fuel excise was severed in 1958. Since then, revenue from fuel excise has been directed into the general revenue stream.

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For further information see Chapter 7 of the report of the Impact of Petrol Pricing Select Committee. The report is available at www.parliament.qld.gov.au/petrol

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