

Transport Affordability Amendment Bill 2026

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The price of fuel is significantly adding to the cost of living burden and is disproportionately affecting people on support payments who are already living with support payments that are within poverty levels.

Fuel is more often than not increased by 20 cents a litre, even up to 50 cents a litre at a time which is making it harder for Australians with disabilities, carers, low income families, students and senior citizens to survive. Some cannot afford to fill their tanks to drive to medical appointments or are rationing food or medications in order to be able to afford bills and other living costs such as fuel. It is up to the government to do what is not only morally right, but lifesaving for Australia's most vulnerable people. Elected officials are supposed to be working in the best interest of Australian citizens and residents, not their own financial interests.

The cost of living crisis has gone on long enough, causing vulnerable Australians to fall further below the poverty line while wealthy Australians accumulate more wealth than ever. If current elected officials do not make significant and urgent change, they will be voted out at the next elections as the wealthiest only make up a small percentage of voting Australians. It is time politicians work for all Australians again.