



## Media release

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### **RACT says federal budget a step in the right direction, but a long way to go**

The RACT says last night's federal budget is a step in the right direction.

RACT Chief Advocacy Officer, Garry Bailey, said RACT members want better roads and fairer fuel prices and the budget at least acknowledges the issues.

"The Federal Budget last night accepts that fuel prices are high and that more needs to be done to make Tasmania's roads safer," Mr Bailey said.

"It's a step in the right direction, but there's still a long way to go.

"The RACT wants a significant investment in the Tasman Highway. Last night, we saw funding confirmed for the Great Eastern Drive, which is part of the Tasman Highway. We welcome this, but we really need a long-term commitment to fix the Tasman from start to finish.

"The RACT supports funding the next tranche of northern roads and we are strongly committed to seeing the entire Bass Highway upgraded to at least AusRAP 3 standard.

"And while the fuel excise announcement will provide some relief at the bowser, we support the AAA calls for all the fuel excise collected to be reinvested into our roads.

"We look forward to seeing what both Labor and Liberals announce as part of the upcoming federal election campaign."