



Media release

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RACT says federal election will be all about roads and fuel prices

The RACT has formally launched its federal election wishlist and says road funding will once again dominate the campaign.

RACT Chief Advocacy Officer, Garry Bailey, said that members expected both parties to outline clear commitments to make our roads safer.

"There are over 210,000 RACT members and they all vote," Mr Bailey said.

"We have consulted extensively with our members and their feedback is crystal clear – we need better roads.

"In particular, RACT members want to see the Tasman Highway upgraded. The Tasman Highway is Tasmania's longest highway and in places it's in very poor condition. The State Government has committed to developing a ten year plan and we would like to see the next Federal Government allocate at least \$50 million to upgrades.

"RACT members are calling for both major parties to commit to the Bass Highway upgrades so that it is at least AusRAP 3 standard."

Mr Bailey said the RACT also backed the Australian Automobile Association push for the entire \$12 billion raised by fuel excise to be allocated to road funding.

"With petrol prices at record levels, Australian motorists deserve to have every cent of their fuel taxes spent on projects that make their commutes faster, their families safer, and their communities stronger.

"The past decade has seen just 53 per cent of the fuel excise spent on the transport network and as a result Australia is now having to play catch up."