

Report by Ian Harper.

You asked for comment on this report, so here goes.

As the roads were paid for by taxpayers, it is unreasonable for anyone to suggest that we should then pay to use them.

The roads are not the property of Government, but of the people.

It may be OK for those who live in capital cities and have access to public transport, or travel in taxpayer-funded vehicles, to look at charging for the privilege of driving on those roads, but when one lives some 500km from one's grandkids, pay more for fuel, food, clothing, etc., due to transport costs, it does not make any sense to be paying to use what we, in effect, already own.

Some time ago, the NSW Government imposed a fuel price surcharge to build better roads. I have yet to see the benefit of this price increase.

Perhaps if fuel companies were held to task for pricing, and stopped from ripping off motorists, we would be more inclined to accept a VERY SMALL increase in driving cost.

Maybe you could consider NOT charging GST on fuel excise, which is just another name for a tax.

Hope you have a great day,

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