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Users to Pay at the Pumps

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'Classic User Pays' - Roads Proposal.

Pay at the Bowser, Not through the Nose.

Everyone accepts the logic of economical vehicles using less fuel and costing less to run. Equally, quite large but seldom driven vehicles also use less fuel and cost less to run. Surely it follows then, that all 'similar' variables should be treated 'similarly'.

So....

Vehicle Registrations and Third Party Insurances should ALL be paid **at the petrol bowser**, thus the more petrol bought, the more distance travelled, the more roads used, the more traffic affected, the more insurance and rego purchased. - Simple logic!

Own a small vehicle; pay less for petrol, rego and insurance etc. Drive it a lot; pay more. Own a large vehicle; pay more. Drive it a little; pay less. - Basic common sense!
Own a huge vehicle and up goes everything, proportionately. - What could be fairer?

Surely multiple car families do not deserve to be paying insurance and registration on their 'other' vehicles while they sit idly in garages. Likewise those with only one vehicle who might only drive it a few kilometres each week. Why should their on-road costs be the same as those whose engines seldom cool down?

Given that drivers of small vehicles are already penalised in the comfort, safety and probably wealth departments, would it not be far more equitable for them to pay, as with fuel, on a pro rata basis, for what they actually use?
Large or small, the little used vehicle is seldom in anyone's way because it is at home, so why should its owner be penalised?

Am the first to acknowledge that such a scheme might require some initial tweaking, unless you have some brilliant mathematicians about, but this in no way constitutes the slightest reason for not adopting such a beneficial and futuristic plan based, as it is, on the KISS PRINCIPLE. Pink Slip procedures would of necessity probably remain unchanged.

The system already exists for collecting revenue through bowsers so the establishment costs would be minimal compared to having to start from scratch.

Please don't anyone say, "It can't be done."

People like that are usually interrupted by somebody else DOING it.

If any encouragement or assistance is required, please feel free to seek my guidance! ☺

Many thanks,

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PS:

1. A similar missive to the above was sent by me in April this year:

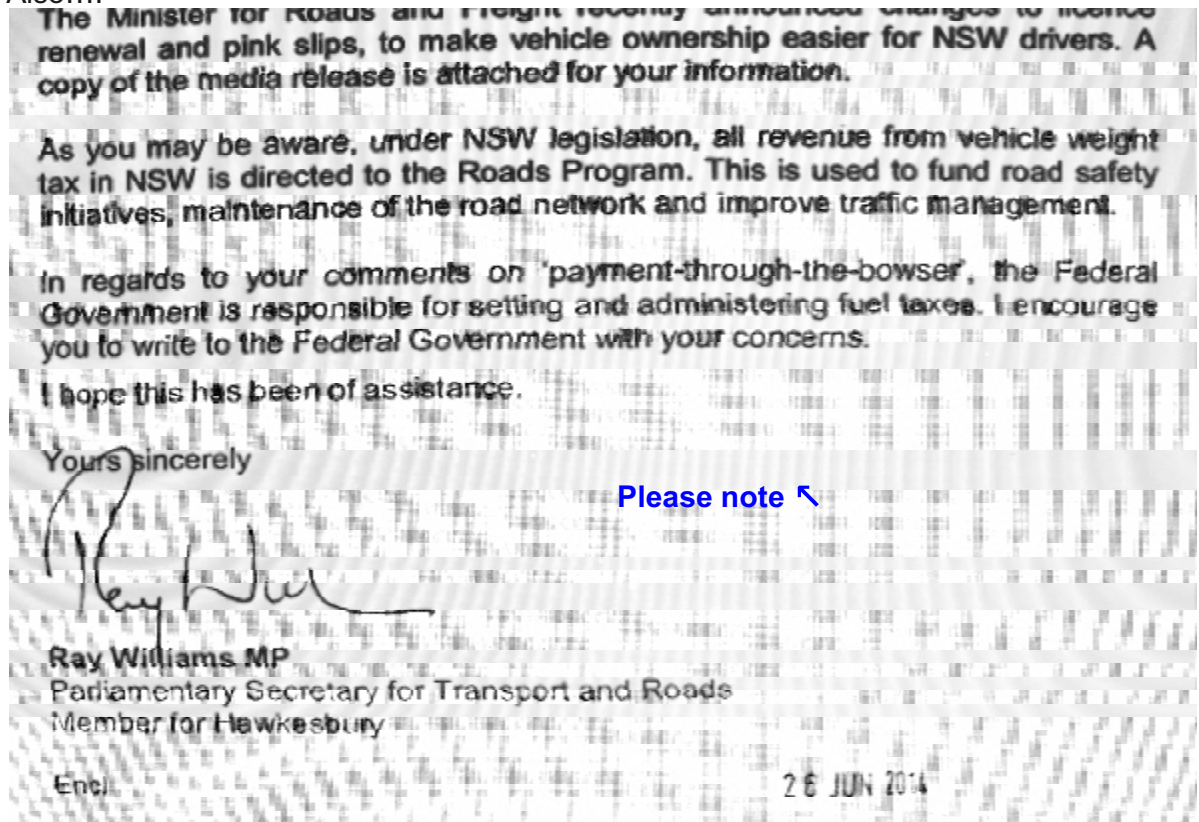
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Dear Mr Fitzgerald,
re: FAIR and equitable registration and third party insurance schemes.

NO REPLY

2. Incidentally, It makes no sense whatever for pushbike riders not to at least display identity plates, priced at the cost of admin. (In case anyone asks: It is understood that pro rata road use contributions would not be feasible☺.)

3. The price of fuel should be capped regardless of the location and oil companies should simply factor-in and average-out, the cost of delivery. The Federal Government MUST develop the wit to outwit oil company shenanigans regarding pricing overall.

4. Also....



The bottom line should always be 'fair' ...as in a 'fair go'. Fair enough?
~ When life is fair, few complain. ~