

MOTORING MATTERS *Factsheet*

Environment

Current Situation

- ▶ Australia has made outstanding progress in improving the environmental performance of cars through adoption of the international "Euro" fuel and emission standards;
- ▶ Air quality in Australian cities has improved greatly in recent years as a result of the introduction of unleaded petrol and new technologies, including catalytic converters and cleaner fuels. While improvements will continue through continued uptake of Euro standards, greater efforts are needed by manufacturers to improve fuel consumption of cars;
- ▶ Fuel consumption is particularly important because greenhouse gas emissions are closely linked with the amount of fuel used. Currently, cars contribute a relatively small 7.8% of Australia's total greenhouse gas emissions.

What AAA Wants

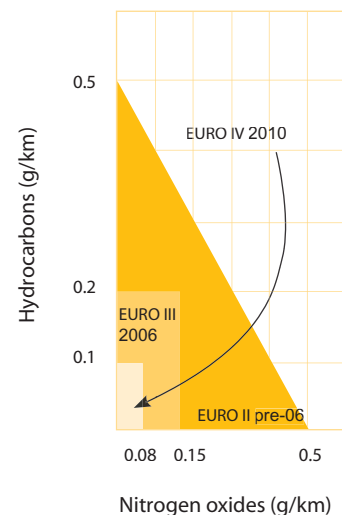
- ▶ To partner with the Commonwealth Government to better inform motorists and provide advice on practical ways that they can be more environmentally conscious;
- ▶ More environmentally conscious use of the roads can also deliver reductions in the cost of motoring, largely through reduced fuel consumption. This is particularly important in the context of carbon emissions trading, which will make emitting carbon dioxide more expensive;
- ▶ Actions include:
 - Significantly lifting the public profile of the Green Vehicles Guide, so that motorists are better informed of the environmental compliance level of new vehicles;
 - Establishing the more sophisticated EcoTest, which will independently and scientifically rate and compare vehicles for their actual environmental performance and provide additional research on, for example, the relative performance of fuels. The Eco Test rates vehicles for air pollution and Greenhouse gas emissions in real-world driving conditions; and
 - Conducting an extensive public information and education campaign to promote eco-driving, highlighting the importance of driving smoothly, trip planning, avoiding unnecessary vehicle use and alternative forms of transport.



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