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Motoring clubs launch national “My Money. My Transport” election campaign

The Australian Automobile Association (AAA) has launched a nationwide campaign that lets voters communicate directly with their local Federal Election candidates on priority road and transport issues.

The “[My Money. My Transport](#)” campaign seeks to enlist voters to hold all political candidates to account and ensure road and public transport users secure a fair share of funding for safer roads; expanded and more affordable public transport options; and policies to keep costs down for motorists.

AAA Chief Executive Michael Bradley said when it came to lobbying political candidates, motorists were one of few groups that brought their own money to the table.

“Last week’s budget confirmed that no matter who wins the May election, the Federal Government is planning on collecting \$55.9 billion over the next four years from fuel excise alone. That means this year, the average household will pay \$1,288 in fuel excise,” he said.

“Yet transport costs are rising at twice the rate of inflation; our roads have never been more congested; and about 100 people die on Australian roads every month.

“That’s why the AAA wants people to directly engage with their candidates during the campaign about how and where they want their money invested in transport. Through the “[My Money. My Transport](#)” campaign, voters can fill out a survey and tell their candidates of their local priority issues,” he said.

The “My Money. My Transport” campaign is hosted on the websites of the AAA’s state and territory clubs, including the NRMA, RACV, RACQ, RAA, RAC, RACT and AANT.

“Through these clubs, the AAA represents about 8 million members across Australia,” Mr Bradley said.

The AAA and its member clubs are calling on all political parties contesting the federal election to commit to:

1. Developing federal leadership in making Australian roads safer.
2. Developing a Land Transport White Paper to address the challenges of the future.
3. Investing in priority transport projects in every state and territory.
4. Reforming transport funding so it fairer for motorists and provides sustainable government revenue.
5. Introducing real-world driving emissions testing to give more accurate information about fuel use.
6. Eliminating unfair car taxes that discourage upgrading to newer, safer and cleaner cars.

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