

SAFE, AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSABLE TRANSPORT FOR ALL

Position:

- FAMILY FIRST recognises that families in the outer suburbs and regions have been hardest hit by skyrocketing petrol prices. These families have fewer transport options and mostly depend on their cars as public transport is either too expensive, inconvenient or non-existent;
- FAMILY FIRST acknowledges that public transport is often most expensive for families in the outer suburbs and regions who have to travel the greatest distances, and cheapest for those who live in inner city areas, where the service is better;
- FAMILY FIRST does not believe families should be bludgeoned into using inadequate public transport services because of spiraling petrol prices. Families will use public transport when it meets their needs and is affordable;
- FAMILY FIRST is concerned about the increasing use of tolls to fund new roads or road upgrades, as families get slugged every time they travel. Roads should be publicly funded from tax revenue, so the burden of funding is shared based on a family's income. Policies that shift costs from the government to the user favour those on higher incomes.

Actions:

- FAMILY FIRST wants more funding for new and better roads and to fix dangerous intersections and black spots across the country;
- FAMILY FIRST urges governments to work together to improve public transport options, particularly for families in the outer suburbs and regions, and make public transport more affordable;
- FAMILY FIRST calls for the Federal Government to make a substantial investment in public transport to supplement state government investment. FAMILY FIRST wants a priority given to public transport investment in the outer suburbs and regional areas;

- FAMILY FIRST calls on the Government to cut petrol tax by 10 cents per litre to give real relief to struggling families.