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\$100 MILLION PETROL TAX WINDFALL

The Rudd Government is enjoying a \$100 million petrol tax windfall because of skyrocketing petrol prices since the government was elected.

"Average Melbourne petrol prices over the six months since Labor came to power have increased from \$1.33 to \$1.50," Family First leader Steve Fielding said today.

"That has given the Rudd Government a \$100 million petrol tax windfall.

"It's crazy to think that the Government is pocketing a huge \$100 million tax windfall from higher petrol prices while Australian families struggle to make ends meet.

"For the past two and a half years Family First has been calling for a 10 cent a litre cut in petrol tax to take some of the pressure off struggling families and small businesses.

"In recent years Prime Ministers, both Labor and Coalition, have said they are concerned about the impact of high petrol prices, but they cannot do anything about it.

"That is rubbish. The government continues to take over 50 cents a litre in government tax but says they can do nothing. Well they can – cut the petrol tax grab.

"Mr Rudd has the opportunity to show he really understands the pain people are feeling at the bowser by sharing their pain and cutting the petrol tax.

"Cutting petrol tax is a guaranteed way to provide real relief to families struggling to make ends meet while at the same time put downward pressure on inflation. We all know that higher petrol prices are pushing up inflation, so a cut in petrol tax will put downward pressure on inflation."

"The level of Australian tax on petrol has nothing to do with international markets. The Federal Government decides on taxes and it should give motorists some relief."

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