



# FAMILY FIRST



Steve Fielding **Family First** Senator for Victoria

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## **GREEDY GOVERNMENT WINS FROM SKYROCKETING PETROL PRICES**

PETROL has hit a new record of \$1.75 a litre and the silence from the Rudd Government over cutting petrol tax remains deafening.

But why would Mr Rudd cut petrol taxes, Family First Leader Senator Steve Fielding said today, when his government takes more than 50 cents a litre in petrol tax every time you fill your tank?

“Over the past five years the government’s petrol tax take has jumped by 8 cents a litre to an outrageous 54 cents a litre.

“Family First has been calling for a petrol tax cut for more than 2 years to take some of the pressure off struggling families and to put immediate downward pressure on inflation.

“Cutting petrol tax in the short term makes sense, but over the medium to longer term we also need to significantly lift our investment in public transport to give people in the outer suburbs and regional areas an alternative to using their cars.”

Industry experts have warned the latest petrol price hikes bring Australia even closer to a recession.

“It is scandalous that the government is profiteering from skyrocketing petrol prices,” said Senator Fielding.

“Cut the tax and give Australian drivers a fair go.”

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