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GOVERNMENT MUST CUT PETROL TAX BY 10 CENTS

High petrol prices is the biggest issue facing Australian families.

Families are struggling, particularly those in the outer suburbs and regional Australia.

The Prime Minister says he cannot do anything about crippling petrol prices, but he can.

If Coles and Woolworths think a four cent a litre saving makes a difference, imagine how much a 10 cent a litre saving would help families.

For almost a year FAMILY FIRST has been calling on the Government to give families and small businesses relief at the bowser by cutting petrol tax by 10 cents a litre.

The Government's stubborn refusal to act shows it is drunk on petrol tax.

Every time families fill up with one litre of petrol they give more than 50 cents to governments.

The Labor Party is no better. Both the major parties are out of touch with the community which wants relief from petrol pain.

Petrol taxes are unfair taxes because they hit low-income families the hardest. For them, having a car is a necessity. They usually have two cars, travel greater distances and have limited, if no, public transport.

These families are also struggling to pay higher mortgages. And we know more interest rate rises are on the way.

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