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## MEDIA RELEASE

### HALVE FUEL EXCISE NOW

The Independent MLC for Huon, Dean Harriss, today called for an immediate halving of fuel excise to prevent spiralling petrol prices destroying family finances.

Mr Harriss said this would cut fuel prices by more than 26 cents a litre.

Mr Harriss said with fuel prices increasing by more than 60 cents a litre over little more than two weeks, inflation outstripping earnings and banks issuing recession warnings, stressed family budgets urgently needed a circuit-breaker.

"Cost of living is the number one issue in the community today. Rising interest rates mean homeowners are struggling to pay the mortgage and are becoming increasingly unaffordable.

"The last thing they need is the massive increase that has hit fuel bills in recent weeks."

"When the price of fuel jumps by 35-50% a litre in a matter of weeks, families feel it instantly. For regional communities like those across the Huon and the Channel, fuel isn't optional—it's essential. The Federal Government must halve the fuel excise now."

Mr Harriss said the Federal Government had set a precedent by halving the fuel excise as an emergency cost of living measure in 2022.

"That applied for six months. It needs to be brought back.

"Fuel excise adds 52.6 cents to the price of every litre added to the tank. It is part of the double taxation that takes billions of dollars from the pockets of motorists every year - they also pay GST on the pump price.

"It is supposed to pay for our road system, but the Australian Automobile Association has pointed out that about 30 percent is not returned to land transport funding. In other words, it is being ripped off for general revenue.

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