

Making the case for reform



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“The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking.”

Albert Einstein



Who we are...



What we want...

....a better way of **funding, pricing, planning, & managing**, land transport in Australia to ensure it delivers optimum and sustainable economic, social and environmental outcomes for all Australians.



Our goals....

- raise the level of public debate
- ignite a reform process across all tiers of government
- significant traction by the middle of this decade



Our strategy....

- **Bottom up** - engage the community in the debate by providing information and promoting ideas (*mainstream and social media*)
- **Top down** - engage with government to encourage a meaningful reform process (*share the tent*)



The case for reform....

- **We don't have the money to build and maintain our transport infrastructure.**
- **There is little consistency or rationality in how we, as users, pay for our transport choices.**
- **Congestion is choking our cities, degrading our quality of life and costing you the taxpayer.**



The case for reform....

- **Government responsibilities are divided and illogical.**
- **We're long on vision, short on delivery.**
- **There is a disconnect between land-use planning and infrastructure delivery.**



The case for reform....

- **Under-spending on infrastructure is compromising network safety.**
- **We're failing the environment.**
- **We're not meeting the growing freight task.**



The challenge for regional Australia....

- We need to increase road maintenance spending by \$1.2 billion annually ***just to tread water***

(The Local Roads Funding Gap, ALGA, 2010)

- Roads to Recovery - \$373m in 2013/14, then \$350m per annum for next five years

- SOMETHING DOESN'T ADD UP



Show me the money...

- The way we currently finance and pay for our infrastructure solutions clearly isn't delivering the outcomes we want
- There are only two ways to pay for infrastructure
 - either the government pays, or we do (as users)



Let's put everything on the table...

- Increase government debt ('borrow and build')
- Asset recycling
- Value capture
- Road usage charging ('user pays')
- New financing models to engage private sector



Help us build the mood for change...

- Join the TRN
- Engage in the the debate on www.transportreform.org
- Follow us on Twitter [@transportreform](https://twitter.com/transportreform)
- Talk about the issues and encourage an open, honest conversation in your community about the options



“Are we prepared to pay for our infrastructure –
where does Australia stand?”

Sir Rod Eddington, 2013 Infrastructure Australia report to COAG

