

**MR PARTON:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
  - (a) the rising cost and growing supply issues surrounding petrol and diesel as a consequence of the war in the Middle East;
  - (b) that diesel is selling for over \$3 a litre in the ACT and Unleaded 91 is retailing for above \$2.40;
  - (c) that according to data from the Australian Institute of Petroleum, Australia has seen the sharpest rise in fuel prices in the developed world since the start of the Iran War;
  - (d) that the federal fuel excise is sitting at 52.6 cents a litre and makes up around 20 percent of the cost of a tank of petrol; and
  - (e) ACT Labor has long claimed that their working relationship with the Albanese Government is much more collaborative than was the case with the previous government;
- (2) further notes that:
  - (a) Canberrans are experiencing an unprecedented cost of living crisis;
  - (b) since the start of March, the average price of petrol and diesel across the Territory has risen by 28 percent and 44 percent respectively, meaning Canberra motorists have paid an additional \$10-\$15 million to refuel;
  - (c) in 2024, the Queensland Government introduced 50-cent fares across the entirety of the state's public transport network as a tangible cost of living measure; and
  - (d) increasing public transport ridership will assist in reducing congestion on Canberra roads;
- (3) calls on all party leaders and independent Members to write to the Prime Minister and strongly urge him to temporarily reduce the level of federal petrol excise as a cost of living measure during the Middle East crisis; and
- (4) calls on the Government to:
  - (a) by 6 April 2026, or as soon as practicable, implement a trial of 50-cent fares across the Transport Canberra network until 30 June 2026 to incentivise public transport use to ease congestion; and
  - (b) report back to the Assembly with monthly usage data for the period of the trial.