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CQ drivers urged to be savvy at bowser this Easter

The State's peak motoring body has urged central Queensland drivers heading away on an Easter road trip to shop around before filling the tank, as many service stations across the region upped the price of fuel.

Following an increase in the global oil price last week, service stations in Gladstone, Mackay and Rockhampton had increased unleaded petrol prices by 3.3 cents per litre (cpl), 1.8cpl and 0.8cpl respectively.

RACQ spokesperson Lucinda Ross said drivers had every right to be frustrated by the rise which had occurred just before the long weekend.

"Unfortunately, just as Easter and school holidays about to begin and families set off on road trips, we've seen prices jump several cents in parts of the region," Ms Ross said.

"The increase follows a global oil price rise, which flows on to retailers through an increase in the wholesale price – and now servos are passing this onto drivers.

"Frustratingly, some servos in the region are upping their prices to levels above what we think is fair. Retailers in Rocky are currently enjoying indicative retail margins of 10.4cpl."

Ms Ross said drivers who would travel over the break could save by doing some research.

"While prices are rising in parts of the region over the next few days, motorists can always save money by shopping around for cheaper prices. For example, a few servos in Gladstone are selling ULP for below 130cpl which is a great deal for drivers to take advantage of."

Motorists could visit www.racq.com/fairfuel for information on cheap locations in their area.

Central Queensland ULP averages:

- Gladstone – 136.7cpl
- Mackay – 138.1cpl
- Rockhampton – 140.6cpl.

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