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Real-time fuel prices a huge win for Qld drivers

The State's peak motoring body has welcomed the Palaszczuk Government's announcement it would commence a two-year trial of real-time petrol price reporting in Queensland.

RACQ spokesperson Paul Turner said Queensland motorists, who paid some of the highest prices for fuel in the country, would be empowered with the information they needed before filling the tank.

"Today's announcement means every Queensland driver will be able to find out the price of fuel at every servo every 15 minutes – it's a huge win," Mr Turner said.

"Lower fuel prices start with increased competition, but you can only take advantage of the cheapest prices if you know where to go – this real-time system will deliver that to motorists.

"For so long we've been telling motorists to buy from the cheapest retailer, but transparency over prices just hasn't been available to them and many have been ripped off in the process.

"This puts the power back in the hands of the motorists rather than big fuel companies. RACQ members ask for advice and information on fuel prices more than any other subject and that's why we have fought so hard for transparency on fuel signage and fuel prices.

"It's great to see the Queensland Government has acted to empower motorists. It's also important to acknowledge both sides of politics have supported transparent fuel price reporting and seen its value in driving down prices for drivers.

"Now it's over to us as drivers to make sure we use this data, support the cheapest servos and help ourselves by driving down prices."

Mr Turner said RACQ looked forward to being part of a working group which would oversee the implementation of Queensland's fuel price monitoring system.

"We're pleased the Government has considered how it can reduce red tape and we'll proactively engage with the working group to get the system off the ground," he said.

Organisations, like RACQ, were expected to use this data to build apps and websites to give motorists up-to-date real-time fuel prices.

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