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Locals pay \$20k a year to travel around Brisbane

The State's peak motoring body has issued a plea for relief for motorists after new data revealed River City residents had parted with an average of \$19,932 a year to travel around Brisbane, an increase of \$621 in the past 12 months.

The Australian Automobile Association's (AAA) latest Transport Affordability Index showed Brisbane was the second most expensive city in Australia to live when comparing travel costs with average incomes.

RACQ's Head of Public Policy Rebecca Michael said Queensland registration and licence fees were driving the increase.

"Car registration and licence fees rose 3.5 percent in the September quarter which hits the family budget," Dr Michael said.

"The RACQ has been calling on the State Government to offer motorists some relief by freezing registration charges and these figures confirm it's time for action."

Dr Michael said additional costs were hitting motorists from all angles.

"Over the last few months motorists have been hit with increases in tolls, parking and fuel," she said.

Dr Michael urged motorists to get into the habit of shopping around for fuel which would be made simpler when all retailers were required to publish prices online from December.

"Download fuel apps like RACQ's and have up-to-date prices on hand. If we use people power to support retailers with lower prices, we'll encourage service stations to keep prices down."

AAA is the peak organisation for Australia's motoring clubs including RACQ.

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