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Last applauds Labor's back flip to help motorists save on fuel

Member for Burdekin, Dale Last, has welcomed the announcement of a trial of real-time fuel monitoring, after months of campaigning for the initiative.

The State Government has bowed to pressure from the LNP and motoring groups, such as the RACQ, and will now implement a two-year trial of the scheme. Retailers will be forced to publish current prices online and update data within 15 minutes of any change under the scheme.

"What we have seen in parliament is another example of a Labor government who have run out of ideas," Mr Last said. "They have adopted an LNP policy and expect Queenslanders to give them credit for it."

"As fuel prices have risen over recent months all Labor has done is to rubbish a scheme that the experts, like the RACQ, are 100% in support of."

"It's taken longer than it should have but now Labor has finally done something, motorists in Queensland will be better informed and empowered to really save on fuel."

"I can assure drivers that I and the LNP will continue to pressure Labor to have this implemented fully after the trial as we know this LNP policy will save Queenslanders money."

While the full details of the trial are yet to be announced, Mr Last believes it's important that regional Queensland is included in the trial. "Drivers in regional areas travel great distances so the Government need to ensure they actually consider the regions on this but I am concerned they will snub regional Queensland once again."

"We still don't know how Queenslanders will get the information on prices or how much this will cost but we will keep the pressure on."

"I hope Labor gets it right for once but the real pity is that the average Queensland motorist could have saved \$100 if Labor would have acted on this when the LNP first suggested it."

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