



The Bullroarer - Tuesday 11 March 2008

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[Victoria: the garden state or greenhouse capital?](#)

MELBOURNE produces far more greenhouse emissions from transport than London despite having half the population, according to a new study.

Highlighting the heavy environmental cost of Melbourne's urban sprawl, the study found the city's cars, trucks, motorcycles and public transport services were generating the equivalent of 11 million tonnes of carbon dioxide a year, compared with just 8.5 million tonnes in London.

And so the State Government came out defending their transport policies:

[Government committed to low emission transport](#)

The Victorian Government has defended the level of greenhouse gas emissions caused by transport in Melbourne.

[Homeowners get incentive to go solar](#)

Queensland homes using solar power will be paid more for the excess energy they generate for the electricity grid.

Under the state government's Solar Bonus Scheme, the "feed-in tariff" for solar powered homes will be boosted to 44 cents per kilowatt hour.

[Oil strike could triple NZ GDP](#)

New Zealand could potentially triple its GDP in the event of a big oil strike, according to bullish investors at the Crown Minerals' Petroleum conference yesterday.

Earlier in the day associate energy minister Harry Duynhoven told delegates that the petroleum industry had an important contribution to make to the country, and was a "good news story" with two major fields in production and two more to come online within the next year or so.

[Greens promise free public transport for kids](#)

Public transport would be free for all Brisbane children within three years under a plan outlined by Greens mayoral candidate Jo Bragg today.

Ms Bragg said the "kids ride free" initiative would be phased in during the next three years and begin with off-peak travel until there were enough buses and ferries to extend the offer to peak periods.

[Gas the energy solution: industry](#)

Policy and fiscal reforms are needed to bring large natural gas projects off the drawing board and into reality, says the upstream natural gas sector's peak industry association.

"And we need to give gas a level playing field as a fuel for domestic power generation," Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA) chief executive Belinda Robinson said in a statement on Tuesday.

How many more times are we going to see this useless pandering by the likes of the NRMA and RACV?

[Tell motorists 'fair' petrol price: NRMA](#)

A national scheme should be set up to let motorists know if they are being ripped off at the petrol pump, says Australia's peak motoring body.

NRMA president Alan Evans launched the NSW-based group's "price gap" scheme, which he said calculated a fair price for a litre of petrol in Sydney.

Phil: The Australian Institute of Petroleum lays out their case pretty convincingly in their [Facts about Petrol Pricing](#) document on their website. The correlation between Singapore product prices and Australian retail prices is remarkable! Pretty hard to find any price manipulation in there.

Oil companies make a lot of money extracting oil at >\$100/barrel, but the crude price trend is simply what is required to ration a product that they can't increase supply of. Retailing is a low margin business with profits coming from the sales of 'in store' goodies and supermarket groceries.

Having the NRMA continue flogging this dead horse is not doing anybody any good.



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