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Herald Sun - [Rudd may overhaul public transport](#)

PRIME Minister Kevin Rudd has hinted at a new frontier for tackling climate change: a national overhaul of public transport.

Remember the days when the IEA told us that everything was fine?
ABC - [International Energy Agency predicts slow growth in oil supplies](#)

According to the IEA, spare capacity is likely to increase over the next two years but after that, with rising demand, it is likely to decline to minimal levels.

TV NZ - [Truckies to protest road user charges](#)

The freight industry is furious that it hasn't been consulted over an increase in road user charges and truckies will protest on Friday as a result.

The government has decided to raise charges by an average of 7% without any notice or warning.

A primer on petroleum products that fails to really address the issue of price:

NZ Herald - [The crude facts about oil prices](#)

Fuel prices, like all other commodities, are constantly changing, and during the past couple of years the cost of petrol has more than doubled for drivers.

ABC - [Transport 'left out' of city living strategies](#)

Two new planning strategies proposing a significant increase in city dwellings have been criticised for not addressing Sydney's transport issues.

The Department of Planning strategies propose 85,000 new city dwellings be built over

the next 25 years.

About 55,000 of those would be in the city and 30,000 in the inner west.

Greens MP Sylvia Hale says she has serious concerns about the strategies, particular regarding transport.

"Apart from telling councils that they should deal with it, there are no positive ideas as to how they are to do so," she said.

Stuff.co.nz - [Petrol and diesel rise again as oil at new high](#)

A two-cent rise at fuel pumps is just a taste of potential increases, as international oil prices hit new records.

Stuff.co.nz - [Cold beats economy](#)

A cold, wet weekend meant people were trying to keep warm rather than save power.

Radio NZ - [Oil prices could hamper Air NZ route expansion](#)

Air New Zealand says it is unlikely to stick to its timetable of opening a new route every year if oil prices continue to rise at current levels.

News.com.au - [Travel plans cut by fuel costs](#)

SOARING petrol prices have forced more than half the population to stay home more often or find cheaper ways to get around.

A nationwide survey of more than 15,000 motorists has revealed 60 per cent of Australians are driving less because of rapidly rising fuel bills. And 58 per cent of drivers blamed recent petrol price hikes for cutting their standard of living.

SMH - [BBW - Deutsche Bank Wind Energy Seminar](#)

The following presentation by BBW Chief Executive Officer, Miles George, is being presented at the Deutsche Bank Wind Energy Seminar in London on 2 July 2008.

The Age - [Transport is what we need, not endless infighting](#)

(Letters)

THERE it goes again, the Labor Party, about to destroy itself because it did badly in a byelection.

Do the powerbrokers in Spring Street believe that the people of Kororoit really care about who wins a preselection for a safe seat or who campaigns in the weeks before the vote? Do the powerbrokers care about non-existent public transport? About a non-existent railway station at Caroline Springs? About services from Sydenham that are late because people are unable to squeeze on?

How ironic that the byelection was held on the day that EastLink was opened: a project that will encourage more use of cars and, yet again, be justification for a lack of investment in any comparable projects for public transport.

The Age - [Unions warn of national truck blockade](#)

Truck drivers may blockade roads across Australia if diesel hits \$2 a litre, a union has warned.

The price of diesel fuel has skyrocketed in the past three months to an average of \$1.85 a litre, according to the Australian Institute of Petroleum.

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Carbon News - [Energy demand takes carbon for a ride](#)

The demand for energy shows no signs of abating, and it is taking carbon for the ride, broker OM Financial reports.

Radio New Zealand - [PNG government says it is likely to subsidise cost of fuel to help consumers](#)

The Papua New Guinea government says it is likely to subsidise the cost of fuel to help consumers.

The Post Courier reports the Prime Minister saying it was one of two options Government was considering to relieve the pressure on the economy brought about by rising global fuel costs.

SMH - [Stand by for more cuts, says Qantas](#)

QANTAS has raised the prospect of further route cuts, even higher fares and the grounding of more aircraft if the price of jet fuel continues to climb.

Herald Sun - [Businesses ignorant on national carbon emissions market](#)

BUSINESS remains largely in the dark about a looming national carbon emissions market - with a vast majority showing almost complete ignorance about the scheme.

NewsTalk ZB Auckland - [Laws on fuel taxes a step closer](#)

New legislation on transport planning and funding are just one step away from becoming law.

Moves to reserve fuel taxes for land transport purposes and to allow regional fuel taxes to be implemented for local roading projects passed their committee stage debate in Parliament last night.



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