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NZ Automobile Association submission on:
**Infrastructure Funding and Financing
Bill**



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NOTE TO REQUESTOR:

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Our position

The NZAA supports the Infrastructure Funding and Financing Bill, and is eager to see the mechanisms envisaged in the Bill applied to the delivery of transport infrastructure.

Pressure on the transport funding system – both locally and at the national level – is a key concern for the NZAA and its Members, and we welcome any additional funding and financing tools being brought to the table that can alleviate some of this pressure and enable more projects to be delivered, more quickly.

The proposed funding and financing model establishes a strong link between those that pay and those that benefit, and we believe that this will resonate with AA Members and the wider public.

About the New Zealand Automobile Association

The New Zealand Automobile Association (NZAA) is an incorporated society with over 1.7 million members, representing a large proportion of New Zealand road users. The NZAA was founded in 1903 as an automobile users' advocacy group, but today our work reflects the wide range of interests of our large membership, many of whom are cyclists and public transport users as well as private motorists.

Across New Zealand, the motoring public regularly come into contact with the NZAA through our breakdown officers, 37 NZAA Centres and other NZAA businesses. Seventeen volunteer NZAA District Councils around New Zealand meet each month to discuss local transport issues. Based in Wellington and Auckland our professional policy and research team regularly surveys our Members on transport issues and Members frequently contact us unsolicited to share their views. Via the NZAA Research Foundation, we commission original research into current issues in transport and mobility. Collectively, these networks, combined with our professional resource, help to guide our advocacy work and enable the NZAA to develop a comprehensive view on mobility issues.

Motorists pay over \$4 billion in taxes each year through fuel excise, road user charges, registration fees, ACC levies, and GST. Much of this money is reinvested by the Government in our transport system, funding road building and maintenance, public transport services, road safety work including advertising, and Police enforcement activity. On behalf of NZAA Members, we advocate for sound and transparent use of this money in ways that improve transport networks, enhance safety and keep costs fair and reasonable.

Our advocacy takes the form of meetings with local and central government politicians and officials, publication of research and policy papers, contributing to media on topical issues, and submissions to select committees and local government hearings.

Total Membership

1.7+ million members

Just over 1 million are personal members

0.7 million are business-based memberships

% of licenced drivers

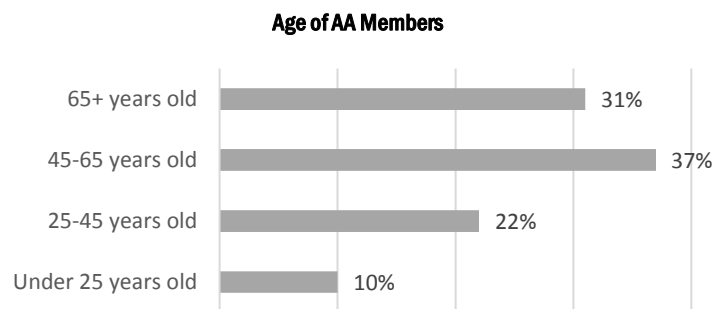
Half of licenced drivers are NZAA Members

Gender split

54% Female

46% Male

Age range & Membership retention



Half of NZAA Members have been with us for 10 years or more.
