



EROAD Applauds Push for Smarter, Fairer Road User Charging

AUCKLAND, 6 August 2025: EROAD has welcomed Transport Minister Chris Bishop's announcement at the Infrastructure New Zealand conference today, where he unveiled the Government's plan to transition all New Zealand vehicles to electronic Road User Charging (eRUC).

The move to eRUC represents a smarter, fairer, and more sustainable approach to road funding, and EROAD believes that it is a system already well used by commercial fleets and the right approach for New Zealand to take.

"As New Zealand transitions away from fuel excise taxes, eRUC offers a future-ready and proven solution that reflects how we actually use our roads," said Mark Heine, Co-CEO of EROAD. "It's a system that's not only more equitable, but also more efficient and better aligned with our climate and infrastructure goals. We applaud Minister Bishop for taking a step towards modernising how New Zealand funds its transport infrastructure."

Minister Bishop described the reform as "a once-in-a-generation change" that will ensure all road users, regardless of fuel type, contribute fairly to the cost of maintaining and improving New Zealand's transport network. He likened the future experience of paying for road use to a Netflix subscription or power bill: simple, seamless, and digital.

EROAD has already played a key role bringing eRUC to New Zealand with the world's first GPS enabled nationwide solution for commercial fleets and believes New Zealand is well positioned to lead the way in rolling out an eRUC solution for all vehicle types.

The Government's announcement adds an additional 3.5 million vehicles into the eRUC system. This is in addition to the approximate 1 million vehicles already subject to Road User Charges. This transition to eRUC presents a substantial opportunity to modernise road funding at scale. EROAD's proven platform is well positioned to support this expansion, leveraging its experience with commercial fleets to deliver seamless, equitable solutions for all vehicle types.

Key benefits of eRUC include:

- **Fairness:** Charges are based on actual road use, ensuring all vehicle types, including EVs, contribute proportionately.
- **Efficiency:** Digital systems automate compliance, reduce administrative burden, and eliminate manual processes.
- **Transparency:** Real-time data empowers users and policymakers with actionable insights to improve safety, reduce congestion, and guide investment.
- **Sustainability:** Decoupling road funding from fossil fuel consumption supports New Zealand's low-emissions transport transition.

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Minister Bishop also announced that the Government will enable private sector providers to offer integrated billing solutions, including tolls and time-of-use pricing, with flexible payment options such as monthly billing and post-pay models.

Heine said: "The technology to do this is well established, for example EROAD's GPS-based platform helps thousands of commercial fleet operators in New Zealand and abroad reduce compliance costs, improve safety, and gain real-time insights into road use."

As the Government prepares legislation in 2026 and targets full implementation by 2027, EROAD is ready to collaborate with policymakers, industry, and communities to help deliver a system that is fair, future-proof, and fit for purpose.

Heine added: "EROAD is committed to helping New Zealand build a smarter, safer, and more connected transport future. With EROAD collecting over \$900m in eRUC last year alone from commercial fleets and heavy vehicles in New Zealand, on behalf of the Government, the technology is already well proven and can help support the Government's transport funding ambitions."

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EROAD (NZX/ASX: ERD) is a hardware-enabled SaaS company delivering safety, compliance, sustainability and efficiency solutions for complex vehicles fleets.

Its connected platform is used by commercial and government operators across New Zealand, Australia and North America to manage vehicles, assets and drivers with greater visibility and control. EROAD supports demanding, highly regulated fleet operations, including those moving food, concrete and aggregates, enabling them to operate smarter, safer and more sustainably.

EROAD's platform is built on a foundation of regulatory expertise, having delivered the world's first GPS-based road user charging system in New Zealand, where it remains the market leader today.

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