



31 March 2026

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister
Cc: The Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP, Federal Treasurer
Cc: The Hon Dr Daniel Mulino MP, Federal Assistant Treasurer

By email

Dear Prime Minister and Ministers

Re: Australian Taxation Office Kilometre Rates

As you may be aware, each financial year, upon determination by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), the rate at which kilometres is recommended to be paid is updated, going into effect from 1 July each year.

My members, professional firefighters employed by Fire and Rescue NSW, are paid for travel for official duties per kilometre, with the rate of pay being set by the ATO determination.

The cost of E10 unleaded fuel increased from an average of \$1.975 per litre on 4 March 2026 to the current average of \$2.475 per litre on 31 March 2026, with diesel increasing from an average of \$1.941 per litre on 4 March 2026 to \$3.071 per litre on 31 March 2026.

These are significant increase in the cost of fuel. My members, all employed as firefighters serving the State of New South Wales, have to travel to perform official duties, and these extreme increases in the price of fuel are having an impact on family budgets and, ultimately, the wellbeing of firefighters.

I am seeking your support to have the ATO issue a temporary determination increasing the value of the kilometre allowance by a percentage amount equal to the percentage increase in the cost of fuel from 28 February 2026, with the determination to remain in effect until 1 July 2026. The usual determination, in my view, should also take into account the increased cost of fuel, if the cost has not stabilised by 1 July 2026.

I am available to meet to discuss this matter further with you, and would appreciate your support of professional firefighters in New South Wales.

Yours fraternally

Leighton Drury
State Secretary