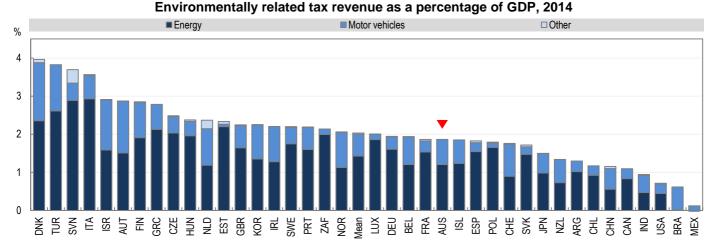


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Revenue from environmentally related taxes in Australia¹

As a share of GDP, Australia has the 16th lowest environmentally related tax revenue among 34 OECD and 5 partner economies. In 2014, environmentally related tax revenues were at 1.86% of GDP, compared to 2.0% on average among the 39 countries.

In Australia, taxes on energy represented 65% of total environmentally related tax revenue, compared to 70% on average among the 39 countries.



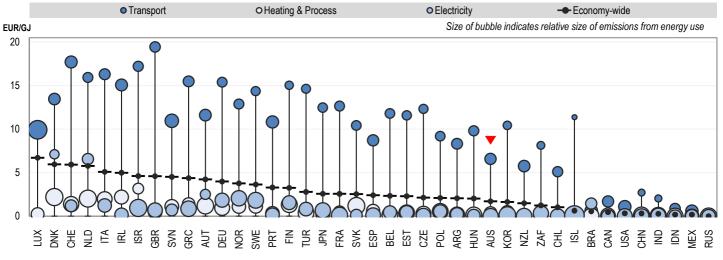
¹Data from OECD.Stat include all OECD countries (except Latvia) and Argentina, Brazil, China, India and South Africa. Please see OECD.Stat for country specific notes.

Taxes on energy use in Australia²

The <u>OECD's Taxing Energy Use (2015)</u> publication compares taxes on energy use (excise and carbon taxes) across 34 OECD and 7 partner economies. The chart below shows average tax rates, expressed in EUR per GJ, by sector across all fuels and the economy-wide average. The bubble size represents the weight of the sector in total energy use.

- Australia has higher average tax rates on transport fuels (6.58 EUR/GJ) than on fuels used for heating and process purposes (0.35 EUR/GJ) or electricity generation (0 EUR/GJ);
- Australia has the 28th highest tax rate on energy on an economy-wide basis, at EUR 1.7 per GJ, compared with EUR 2.7 per GJ on a simple-average basis across the 34 OECD and 7 partner economies.

Average tax rates on energy in transport, heating and process use, and electricity generation



²Data from Taxing Energy Use are for 2012 and include all OECD countries (except Latvia) and Argentina, Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Russia and South Africa.

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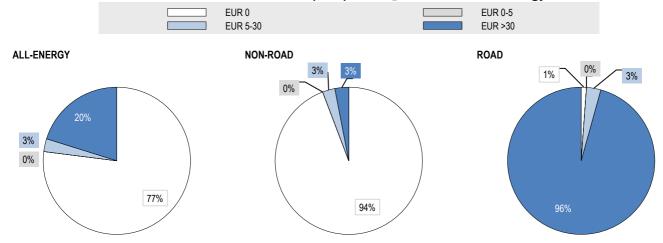
Effective carbon rates in Australia

The <u>OECD's Effective Carbon Rates (2016)</u> publication presents the combined price signal on CO_2 emissions from taxes on energy and emissions trading systems (ETS), or the effective carbon rate (ECR).³ The charts below show shares of CO_2 emissions subject to different price ranges, for road, non-road and all emissions from energy use. EUR 30 is a conservative estimate of the climate damage from one tonne of CO_2 emissions.

In Australia, 77% of carbon emissions from energy use face no price signal at all; 23% face a price at or above EUR 5 per tonne of CO₂; and 20% face a price at or above EUR 30 per tonne of CO₂. This compares to a zero price for 60% of emissions across all countries, a price at or above EUR 5 per tonne for 30% and at or above EUR 30 per tonne for 10% of emissions.

Excluding road use, 94% of carbon emissions from energy use in Australia face no price signal at all; 6% face a price at or above
EUR 5 per tonne of CO₂; and 3% face a price at or above EUR 30 per tonne of CO₂. This compares to a zero price for 70% of emissions across all countries, a price at or above EUR 5 per tonne for 19% and at or above EUR 30 per tonne for 4% of emissions.

Distribution of Effective Carbon Rates (ECR) on CO₂ emissions from energy use in Australia



Figures shown in the charts may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

³Notes on the interpretation of effective carbon rates: Box 3.1 (p.38-40), OECD's Effective Carbon Rates (2016), or consult http://oe.cd/ECRinterpretation.

CO₂ emissions priced and average rates in Australia

The table below shows the average price signals from taxes and trading systems, and the share of emissions priced by these instruments.

» Australia does not currently have an ETS.

In total, taxes in Australia price 23% of CO_2 emissions from energy use. The sectors with the highest tax coverage are road transport (99%) and offroad transport (57%).

Share of emissions priced and average price signals from tax, Australia

	CO ₂ emissions by sector (in t CO ₂)	Ta Average price (in EUR/tCO ₂)	ax Share of emissions priced	E Average price (in EUR/tCO ₂)	TS Share of emissions priced	Overlap of tax and ETS ⁵	Emissions not priced by tax or ETS
Agriculture & Fishing	6 242	0.0	0%	0.0	0%	0%	100%
Electricity	193 807	0.0	0%	0.0	0%	0%	100%
Industry	107 456	53.0	8%	0.0	0%	0%	92%
Offroad transport	14 237	30.6	57%	0.0	0%	0%	43%
Residential & Commercial	19 312	41.5	14%	0.0	0%	0%	86%
Road transport	77 344	107.8	99%	0.0	0%	0%	1%
Total ⁴	418 398	21.7	23%	0.0	0%	0%	77%

Access the data for all 41 countries: http://oe.cd/emissionsdata

⁴Total average prices are weighted by the share of emissions in each sector that is priced in the country.

⁵Tax and ETS can apply to the same emissions base. The overlap describes the percentage of emissions in a sector that is priced by both tax and ETS.