

Cairns drivers hit in the hip pocket at the bowser

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QUEENSLAND'S peak motoring body has revealed drivers in Cairns were slugged 10.5 cents per litre more for unleaded petrol in April than in March.

According to RACQ's latest monthly fuel report, the average price last month was 148.9cpl.

RACQ spokeswoman Lucinda Ross said while there had been an increase in the global oil price which had put

upward pressure on the cost of fuel, many retailers had taken it too far. "Fuel is at the mercy of many global factors and lately we've seen Brent crude oil hit record high monthly average price for 2019 of US\$71 a barrel," Ms Ross said.

"While the high price of oil did contribute to the increase in April, the frustrating news for Cairns drivers is many fuel companies took the opportunity to increase retail margins by 3.9cpl."

Ms Ross said prices re-

mained high in the city in May and drivers needed to shop around for the best deal.

"Our message to drivers is simple - only fill up at the servo selling for the lowest price. Make sure you're using apps and websites like RACQ's

Fair Fuel Finder to find out where the cheapest prices are in your area."

The average cost of ULP in Innisfail was 153.3cpl last month, the second highest average in the state outside of Blackwater, where it was 159.9cpl.