



AUSTRALIAN  
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# ON THE ROAD TO greener motoring

## ECO DRIVING

### Background

Private motor vehicles in Australia produce around 43.7 million tonnes of greenhouse gases each year, which accounts for approximately 8% of the nation's total greenhouse gas emissions.

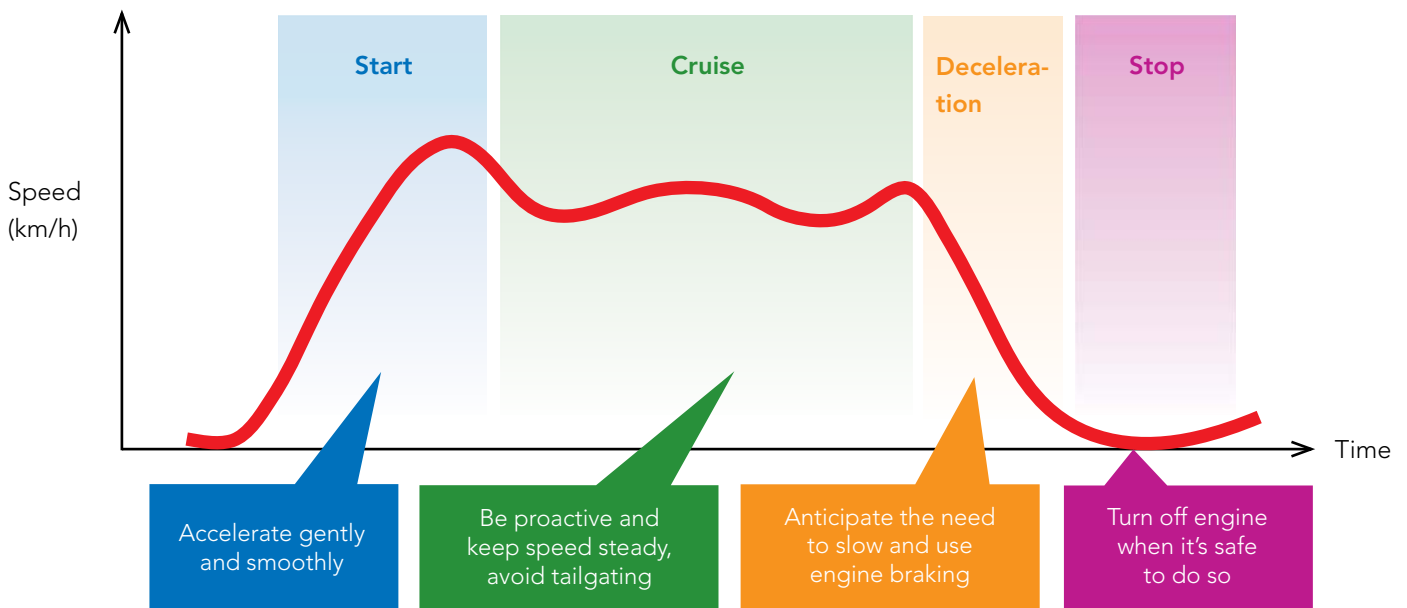
The greenhouse gas emissions released by a combustion engine are linked to its fuel consumption. One of the most cost effective means of reducing vehicle emissions is by Eco Driving. Eco Driving reduces fuel consumption by changing

driving style, planning vehicle trips, choosing efficient vehicles and driving smoothly.

Eco Driving is often simple, yet it can make significant improvements to fuel consumption. For example, accelerating gradually to 20km/h in five seconds can reduce fuel consumption by as much as 11%.

Importantly, Eco Driving is also a safe way to drive – it is meaningless to attempt to reduce greenhouse gas emissions if safety is compromised.

Driving smoothly saves on fuel and cuts greenhouse gas emissions



AAA motoring clubs are expanding their advice on Eco Driving to their more than six million members nationwide through the development of educational material for use in consumer guides, on websites and in

club magazines which reach two out of three households in Australia.

More information and links to the motoring club websites are available at [www.aaa.asn.au](http://www.aaa.asn.au).

<sup>1</sup> Australian Greenhouse Office (AGO), National Greenhouse Gas Inventory, 2005.

