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## EnvEcon – Research for a Just Transition

**Private Road Transport – Total Cost of Ownership**  
*Published 2022*

**Transport Poverty Risk Index – Spatial Composite Index**  
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# EnvEcon Background



Specialised economics **research operation** spun-out of UCD in 2006.



Team of **economists, modellers, computer scientists and policy** analysts.



Major interest in **transport, built environment** and **agricultural** sectors.



Strong focus on **environmental policy** (*driver*) but have a **broader outcome** focus.

# Decision support for a just transition



**Modelling provides compelling insights for policy action**



**Research generates refined insights on pathways for change**



**Policy can still fall down when it comes into contact with politics and people**



**Air and Climate policy change on the scale and speed required will face resistance**



Policy needs objective support in managing a just transition



Emotive or opinion-based assessments without data and spatial refinement are unhelpful



The climate and air transition will carry risks but those risks are not uniform across all of society



Spatial refinement is critical to avoid derailing policy for all and to better manage resources for change



Objective analysis can identify risk, communicate progress and support better risk and effect management


# EnvEcon Just Transition Policy Support Index

## Elements



**Health - Air Pollution –  
Hitting the hotspots**

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.aea.2022.100155>



**Home Heating Energy  
Poverty Risk Index**

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.enpol.2020.111791>



**Mode satisfaction and  
transport investments**

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tranpol.2020.04.007>



**Remote working -  
preference and potential**

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.in.2022.100190>



**Road Transport –  
TCO**

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ommtr.2022.100071>



**Transport poverty risk  
index**

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.in.2023.100254>



**Employment risk  
index**

Forthcoming



**Pipeline of Work**

Forthcoming



# PAPER 1 - TCO

Variability in total cost of vehicle ownership across vehicle and user profiles

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.commtr.2022.100071>

*Guo, Kelly, Clinch (2022)*

# The Idea



## Why?

**Total cost of ownership is more meaningful than upfront purchase costs**

Traditional thinking carries a message that EVs are **expensive to buy**

Slightly refined thinking knows that they are generally **less expensive to operate**

**Variations** across vehicle types and user profiles are often side-lined in discussions

The **scale of variability really** matters for policy design and consumer decisions

- Calibrate a **refined model** of the Irish road transport fleet
- Include detailed **data on the actual mileage** of different vehicles types
- Assemble comparable **panels** of electric (EV) and internal combustion engine (ICE) cars
- Build a comprehensive **structure for assessment** of Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)
- Analyse and **understand the scale of variability** in TCO for policy design

# The Plan

## What?



# The Research



## How?

- The fleet structure and evolution was **tailored** to detailed Irish data on stock and sales
- **NCT Mileage data** at a vehicle level was used to adjust mileage and mileage age corrections
- Vehicle **pricing** data, **tax** data, **fuel** costs and so on were all collected, collated and analysed
- An updated **schema** for TCO analysis was developed and **deployed** for the assessments

1. There are substantial variations in TCO across vehicle types and use profiles.
2. BEVs could be ~65% more expensive on OMSP (purchase) than ICE equivalents
3. Top 2 BEV segments still 26% and 42% cheaper than petrol and diesel over TCO-4 years
4. Depreciation remains the dominant cost – policy (e.g. roadworthiness tests) will impact this
5. Prestige cars fare worst on the TCO analyses – TCO should be mainstreamed on labels

# The Result

## So What?



**Table 1**  
Selections of ICEVs and EVs for comparison.

Car segment	Diesel cars	Petrol cars	BEVs	PHEVs	HEVs
A1: Micro Standard	Fiat 500	Hyundai I10	Renault Zoe	—	—
A2: Micro Prestige	Smart Car Fortwo	Smart Car Fortwo	Smart Car Fortwo e-Drive	—	—
B1: Mini Standard	Hyundai I20	Toyota Yaris	Opel e-Corsa	—	Toyota Yaris Hybrid
B2: Mini Prestige	Audi A1	Audi A1	Mini Cooper Electric	Mini Cooper Countryman PHEV	—
C1: Small Standard	Ford Focus	Toyota Corolla	Hyundai Ioniq BEV	Kia Niro PHEV	Toyota Prius Hybrid
C2: Small Prestige	Audi A3	Mercedes-Benz A 160	Mercedes-Benz B 250 Electric Drive	Audi A3 E-tron	—
D1: Medium Standard	Hyundai I40	Toyota Avensis	—	Kia Optima PHEV	Toyota Camry Hybrid
D2: Medium Prestige	Audi A4	Mercedes-Benz CLA 180	Tesla Model 3	BMW 330e	Mercedes-Benz C 300
E1: Large Standard	Volvo V90	Volvo V90	—	Volvo V90 PHEV	—
E2: Large Prestige	BMW 520	BMW 520	Tesla Model S	BMW 530e	Mercedes-Benz E 300 Hybrid
F2: Luxury Prestige	Mercedes-Benz S 350	Mercedes-Benz S 500	—	BMW 740e	Mercedes-Benz S 400 Hybrid
G1: Sports Standard	Volkswagen Scirocco	Mercedes-Benz CLA 180	—	—	Honda CR-Z
G2: Sports Prestige	BMW 640	Mercedes-Benz SL 350	Audi e-TRON	Audi Q7 E-tron	—
H1: Jeep/SUV Standard	Ford Kuga	Hyundai Kona	Hyundai Kona BEV	—	Toyota C-HR
H2: Jeep/SUV Prestige	BMW X5	Audi Q2	—	BMW X5 40e	Land Rover Range Rover P400e
M1: MPV Compact	Hyundai IX20	Hyundai I20	BMW I3	—	Honda Fit-Shuttle Hybrid
M2: MPV Large	Ford S-Max	Volkswagen Sharan	Nissan e-NV200	—	Toyota Estima Hybrid



# Total Cost of Ownership

Selected Findings

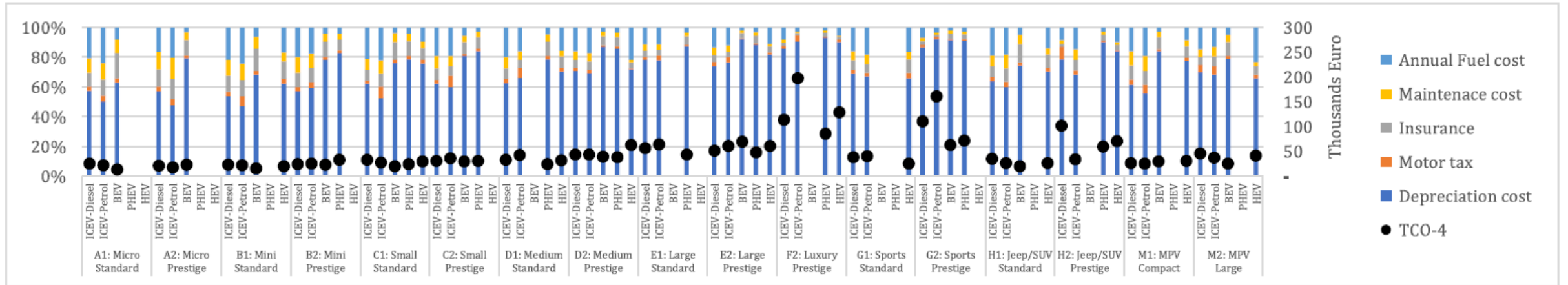


Fig. 7. Components of TCO with 4 years ownership period.

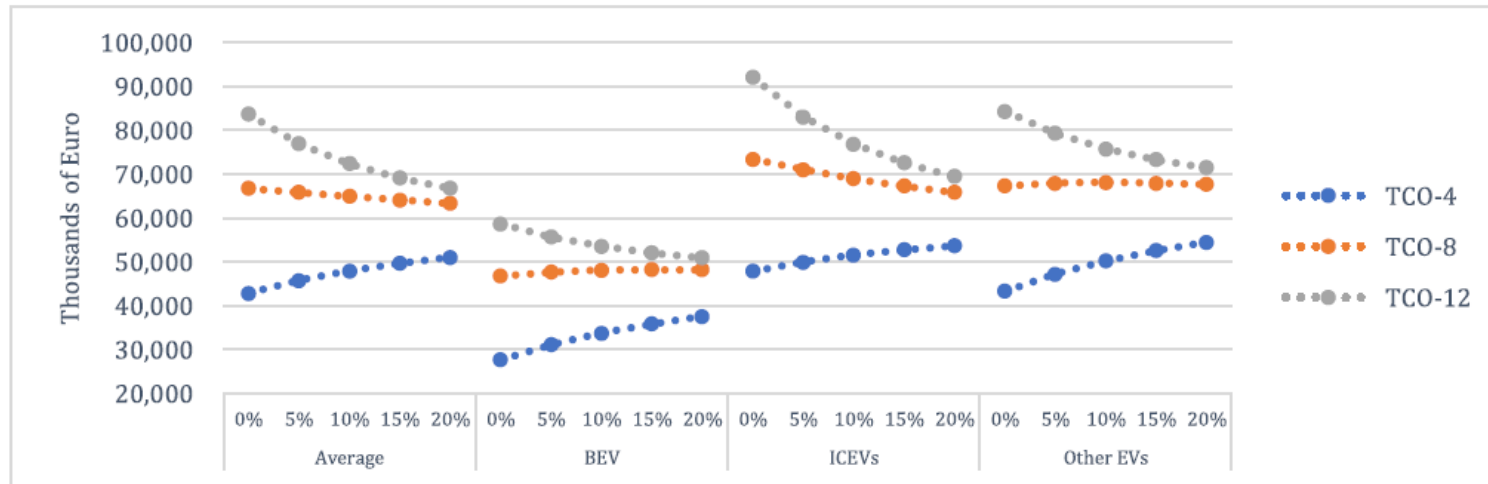


Fig. 16. TCO of all cars averaged, BEV, ICEVs and Other EVs with different discount rates.



# PAPER 2 - TPR

Transport poverty risk

**A composite spatial index to support policy design and investment targeting as part of a just climate transition**

**Kelly, Kelleher, Guo, Deegan and Patil (2023)**

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.indic.2023.100254>

# The Idea



## Why?

Environmental policy requires substantial reductions in transport emissions

Road transport emissions are particularly problematic for a just transition

Avoid – Shift – Improve frameworks broadly capture the options for change and policy

ASI will require changes and will not affect all in the same way or to the same extent

Transport policy often faces opposition on broad generic grounds (e.g. rural communities)

Objective spatial analysis of Transport poverty can assess risk and support action

- Assemble routine and reliable data at small area level (18k+ in Ireland)
- Review and assess international literature on Transport Poverty
- Build an objective composite index around pillars of access, affordability and mobility
- Demonstrate the potential of the tool under a range of relevant policy scenarios
- Embed the approach in policy design and communication as an objective analysis

# The Plan

## What?



# The Research



## How?

**Census data** was the key source for many variables in the TPR Index

**Additional data** on fuel costs, granular mileage data, public transport density and prices etc.

Developed **three pillars** around Affordability, Accessibility and Mobility

**Affordability** considered fuel cost, travel distances, social class, public transport costs

**Accessibility** considered drive time to key services and public transport density

**Mobility** considered existing mode ratios (car drivers, passengers, active travel, public transport)

1. The results on a bird's eye view are broadly as we might expect
2. However, transport poverty risk varies spatially and there are **pockets** across Ireland
3. Transport poverty risk is **not an exclusively rural problem**
4. Different policies will have **different impacts** on exacerbating or alleviating risk in areas
5. TPRI can track **progress**, offer **alternative metrics** for consideration, and **guide** policy action

# The Result

## So What?

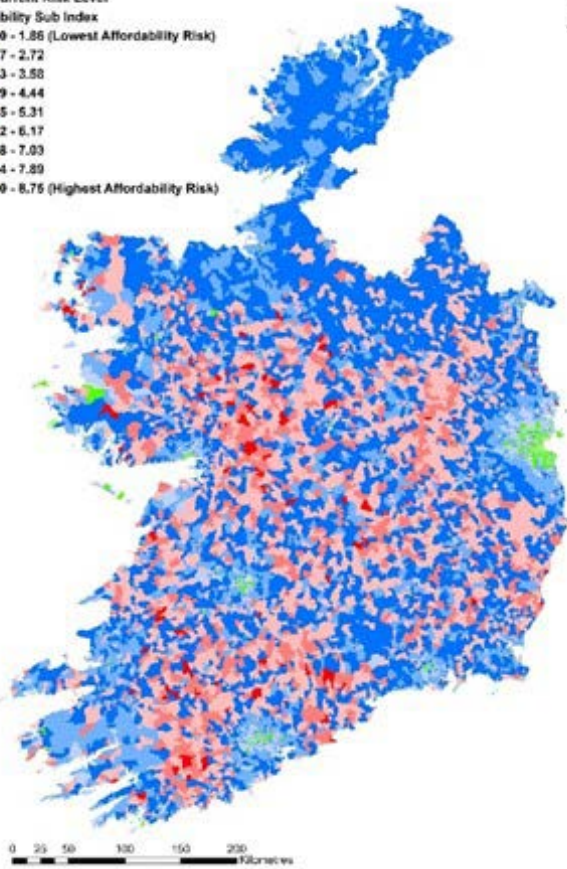


# Working from Anywhere Index

Affordability, Access, Mobility

T-PRI Current Risk Level  
Affordability Sub Index

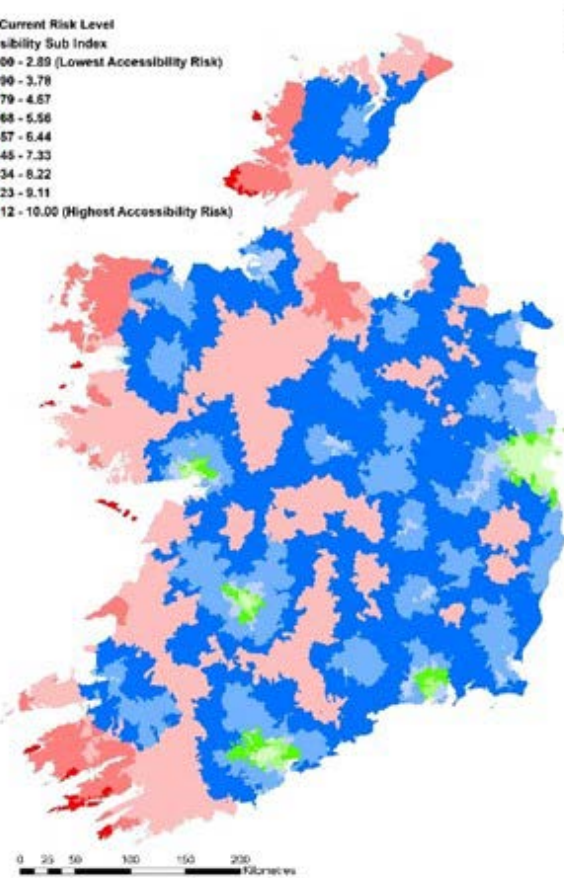
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- 1.87 - 2.72
- 2.73 - 3.58
- 3.59 - 4.44
- 4.45 - 5.31
- 5.32 - 6.17
- 6.18 - 7.03
- 7.04 - 7.89
- 7.90 - 8.75 (Highest Affordability Risk)



**Affordability**

T-PRI Current Risk Level  
Accessibility Sub Index

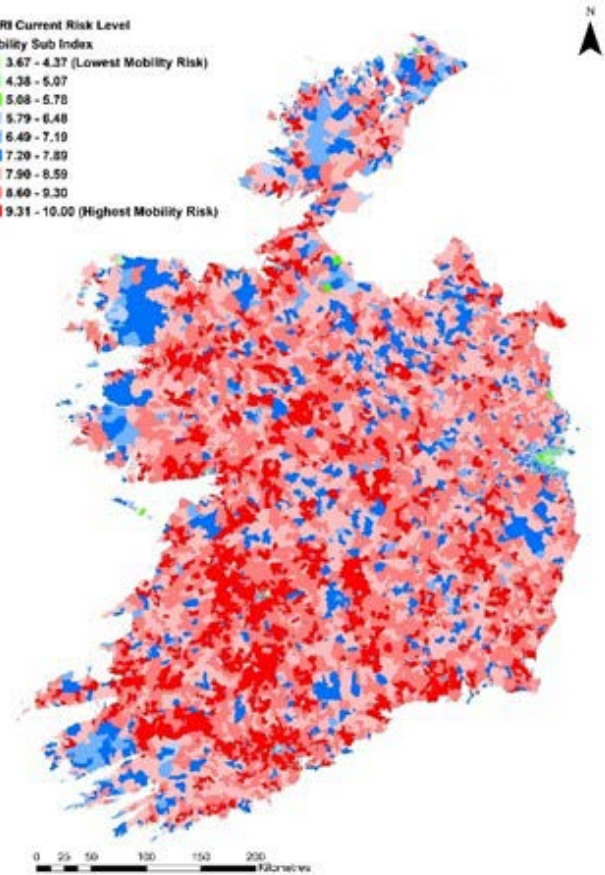
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- 3.79 - 4.67
- 4.68 - 5.56
- 5.57 - 6.44
- 6.45 - 7.33
- 7.34 - 8.22
- 8.23 - 9.11
- 9.12 - 10.00 (Highest Accessibility Risk)



**Accessibility**

T-PRI Current Risk Level  
Mobility Sub Index

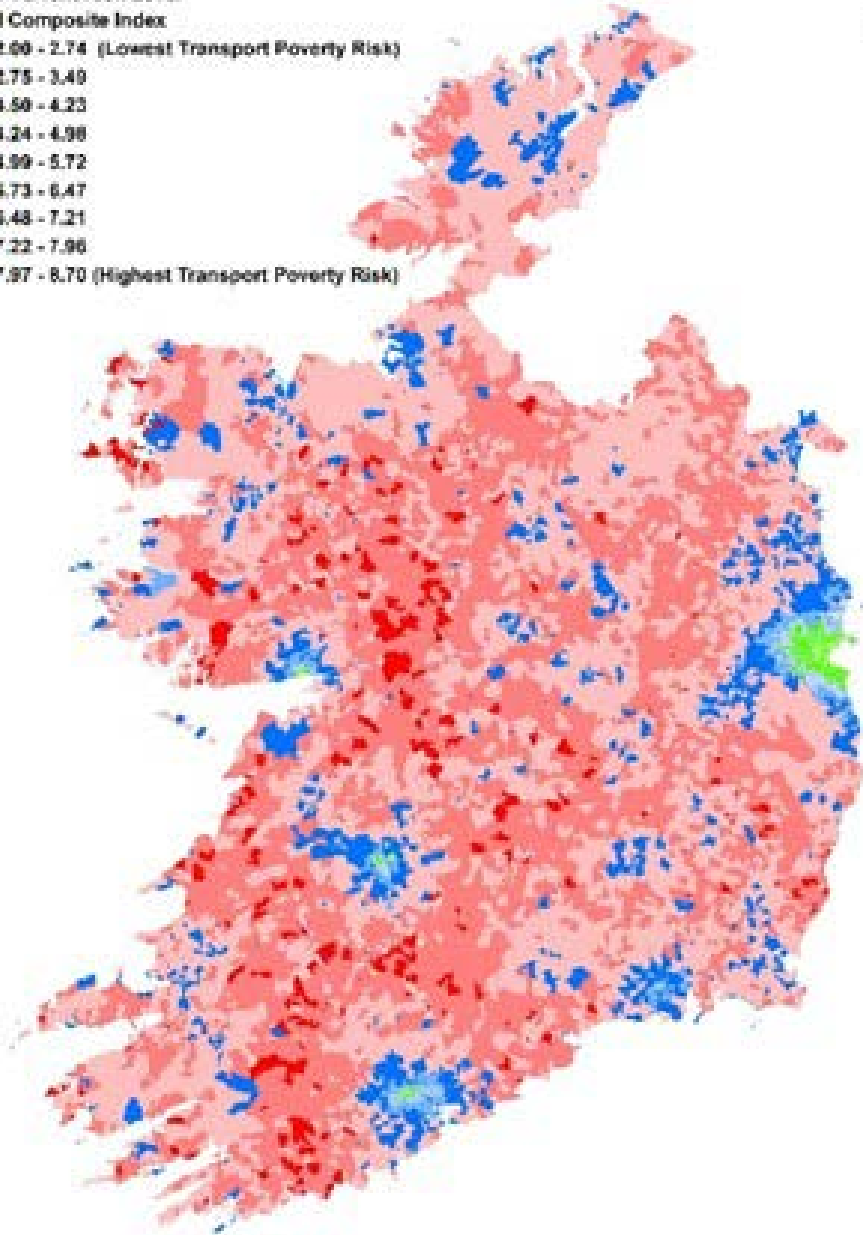
- 3.67 - 4.37 (Lowest Mobility Risk)
- 4.38 - 5.07
- 5.08 - 5.78
- 5.79 - 6.48
- 6.49 - 7.19
- 7.20 - 7.89
- 7.90 - 8.59
- 8.60 - 9.30
- 9.31 - 10.00 (Highest Mobility Risk)



**Mobility**

T-PRR Current Risk Level  
T-PRR Composite Index

- 2.69 - 2.74 (Lowest Transport Poverty Risk)
- 2.75 - 3.49
- 3.50 - 4.23
- 4.24 - 4.98
- 4.99 - 5.72
- 5.73 - 6.47
- 6.48 - 7.21
- 7.22 - 7.96
- 7.97 - 8.70 (Highest Transport Poverty Risk)

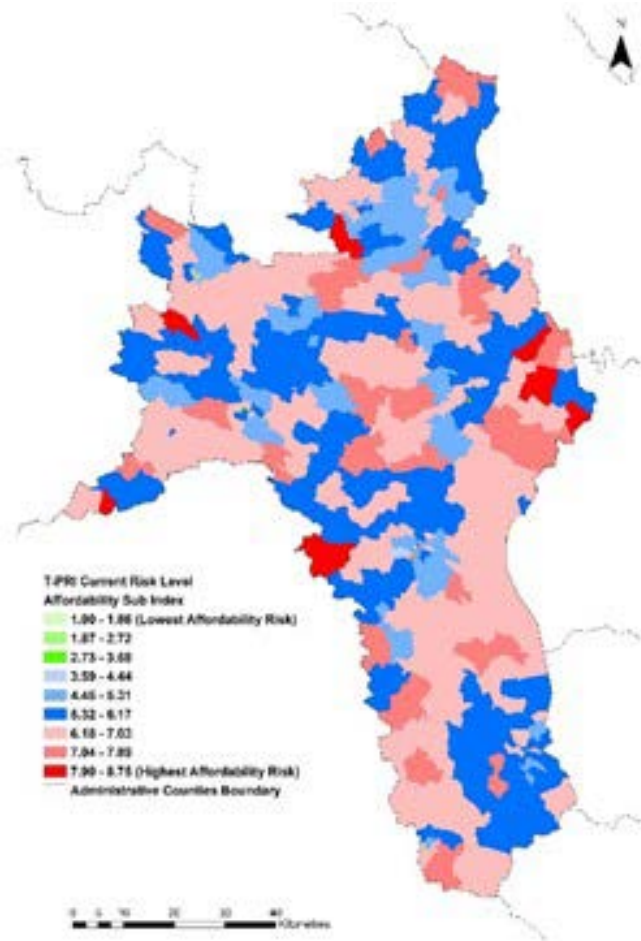


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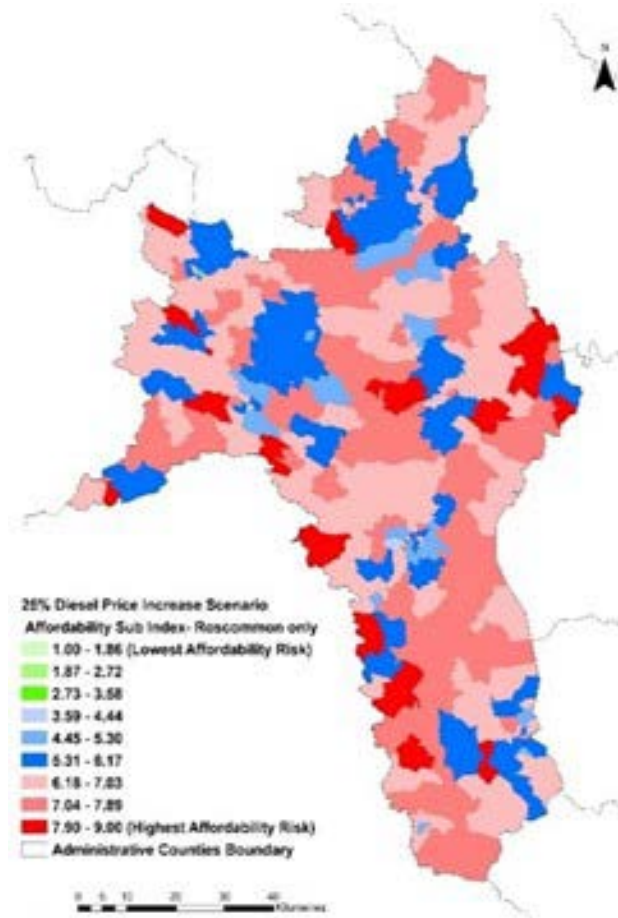
*National TPRI Composite*

# Policy Support with TPRI

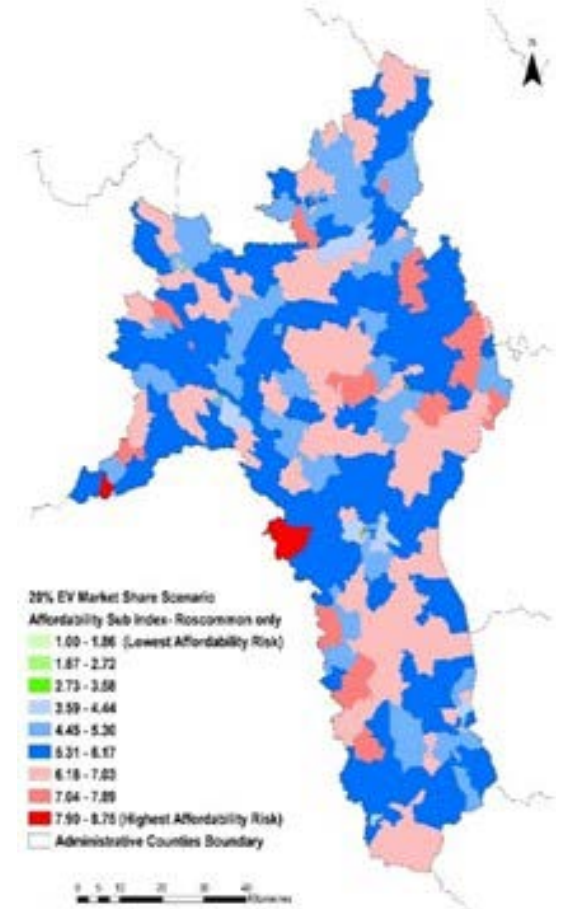
Impacts of changes are not equal across the country – measure and monitor



**T – Affordability**



**T – Affordability  
20% Increase in Diesel Prices**



**T – Affordability  
Increased EV consumer uptake**

# THANK YOU

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Decision Support



# And Thank you Rob

