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AEVA pleased with High Court ruling, invalidating Victorian ZLEV Charge Act

The Australian Electric Vehicle Association (AEVA) is pleased that the High Court of Australia has ruled the Victorian Zero- and Low Emission Vehicle Charge Act to be invalid.

The Act was challenged by plaintiffs and AEVA members Chris Vanderstock and Kath Davies in the High Court, arguing the Victorian government did not have the authority to collect revenue from EV drivers; rather such a charge would be the responsibility of the Commonwealth government.

AEVA has long argued that if a road user charge were to be implemented, it should be *universal* (applied to all road-going vehicles, regardless of fuel type); it *should be mass-multiplied* (accounting for wear and tear on road infrastructure); *it should be federally collected*, and it should only commence when EVs make up a sizeable proportion of the fleet.

We look forward to working with the Federal government, with cooperation from state governments, to develop a fairer scheme for both costing roads appropriately and encouraging the shift to EVs sooner.

Chris Jones, President, AEVA