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### **AEVA calls on Feds to implement vehicle emissions standards ASAP.**

The Australian Electric Vehicle Association (AEVA) says Australians are increasingly frustrated with the lack of progress on a federal Fuel Efficiency Standard and implores the government to release draft legislation before the end of the year.

President of the AEVA, Dr Chris Jones, says it's time for the Federal government to commit to the task, insisting vehicle emissions standards should have been legislated and operating by now.

"Time is running out. The sooner we compel manufacturers to offer more efficient, particularly electric vehicles on the Australian market, the sooner we can enjoy lower driving costs and cleaner air." He said.

Vehicle emissions standards work by setting a fleet average limit of CO<sub>2</sub>-e emissions per kilometre – manufacturers who exceed this average must pay a penalty, while those who do better are afforded a credit. Underperforming companies may buy credits from over-performers. AEVA is calling for a limit of 95 g CO<sub>2</sub>/km starting in 2024, decreasing each year to zero by 2035.

Jones says Australians are missing out on a greater range of options for EVs, and the competitive pricing that brings. Recent polling from the Climate Council confirmed Australians overwhelmingly support the measure, which aligns with AEVA's own observations.

"Our members – EV owners and prospective owners – recently listed vehicle emission standards as the most important policy measure the nation can take when encouraging the shift to electric drive." said Jones.

"If a regulatory impact assessment is closed out by the end of the year, we could have standards in place for mid-2024. It's time for action".

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