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RE: Proposed electric vehicle tax

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Mr Chris Nash, President
Dr Chris Jones, National Secretary

Australian Electric Vehicle Association

Via email: secretary@aeva.asn.au

Dear Mr Nash and Dr Jones

Thank you for your letter dated 23 November 2020 regarding tax on electric vehicles.

Tasmania is ideally situated, and uniquely placed, to benefit from a growing electric vehicle market due to the State's high level of renewable energy generation. This is in addition to the environmental, social and economic benefits of electric vehicles. However, the Government is also cognisant that users of electric vehicles are not subject to the same fuel excise as other road users, which is a source of revenue that contributes to essential road maintenance.

The Tasmanian Government is committed to encouraging the uptake of electric vehicles in the community and as the electric vehicle market continues to develop in Tasmania, the Government has no plans to introduce a tax on electric vehicles at this time.

Given the benefits of electric vehicles, the Tasmanian Government has set an ambitious target to transition the Tasmanian Government fleet to 100 per cent electric vehicles by 2030. This will increase the demand for renewable energy, create a second-hand electric vehicle market for the wider community, and reduce emissions and our dependence on imported fossil fuels. The 2020-21 Budget allocated \$2.3 million towards this transition. The Government is also supporting the rollout of a statewide public charging network for electric vehicles, and is committed to trialing zero-emissions buses within the next two years in the north and south of the State.

Thank you for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely

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Premier of Tasmania

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Subject: Proposed electric vehicle tax

Dear Premiers, Chief Ministers and Treasurers,

The Australian Electric Vehicle Association has been promoting electric vehicles (EVs) for almost 50 years. To say we are surprised and disappointed at the proposed EV taxes is an understatement.

The AEVA has offered a workable solution to road user charging (RUC) which is both fair and reasonable, and carefully balances the need to encourage EV uptake while discouraging the ongoing use of internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles. Details of this are attached in our formal letter, as well as on our website.

If Australia's states and territories have any hope of achieving net zero emissions by 2050, the full electrification of transport must not be hindered. Singling out EVs for a road user charge is unfair and counterproductive. Any road user charging must be applied to all road users, while policies to discourage the use of ICE vehicles should be maintained.

On behalf of our 1000+ members, we implore that you send this policy back to the drawing board and make it fairer.

Sincerely,

Chris Nash, President AEVA

Chris Jones, Secretary, AEVA

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