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Global EV Drivers' Alliance formed by 37 EV driver associations around the world

Alliance members calling for all light-duty vehicles to be electric by 2030

MELBOURNE 9th June— Thirty-seven electric vehicle (EV) driver associations have joined forces to create the Global EV Drivers' Alliance, representing the voice of EV drivers around the globe in leading the shift to clean electric transportation. The grassroots, non-profit organization collects best practices, inspiration and information from EV driver associations and their members to help, inform and inspire each other to accelerate electric mobility in their own regions/countries and worldwide. This [video](#) has been released worldwide to promote awareness of the Alliance.

The members of the Alliance are calling for every new car and light-duty truck sold in their countries to have a plug by the end of this decade. A shift to electric transportation is essential to quickly reducing greenhouse gas emissions, avoiding dangerous climate change, improving local air quality and reducing respiratory diseases in cities around the world. With the rapid improvements in EV technology and the new vehicles coming into the market over the coming months, it is entirely achievable.

A rapid shift to electric transportation can be achieved through supportive policies in the respective countries. For example, the [market share for plug-in vehicles](#) in Germany grew from 3% in 2019 to 13.5% in 2020 and the UK market went from 3.2% to 10.7% in the same period. By working together, EV driver associations can share best practices and strategies, ensuring that EV drivers' voices are heard in EV policy discussions worldwide.

In addition to the climate change and air quality benefits, electric vehicles provide many additional benefits to consumers, including the savings and convenience of fueling with electricity instead of gasoline, sharply reduced maintenance and the smooth and powerful driving experience provided by an electric motor.

One of the first joint activities of the Global EV Drivers' Alliance will be participation in the United Nations Climate Change Conference COP26, which will be held in Glasgow in November 2021. In connection with the event, associations connected with GEVA plan to organise events in their own countries and to organise a rally in Scotland to promote electromobility as an important element in addressing climate change.

The global shift to electric vehicles is increasing exponentially, with more than [3.24 million EVs sold worldwide in 2020](#), compared to 2.26 million in 2019, despite the COVID pandemic and accompanying economic downturn.

President of the Australian Electric Vehicle Association, Chris Nash said; "AEVA is proud to be a founding member of the Global EV Alliance and to play our part ensuring that the voice of drivers is heard as the EV transition takes place globally." He went on to say; "GEVA gives us a fantastic platform to learn about the policies and habits that have worked in countries that are much further advanced on their EV journey."

The Global EV Alliance represents organizations from the countries of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Scotland, Slovenia, Spain (Catalonia), Sweden, Switzerland, and United States. For more information, visit globalevalliance.com.

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About the Global EV Alliance

The Global EV Alliance is a network of national electric vehicle drivers' associations from around the globe. We facilitate global collaboration on best practices, education, and other EV-related initiatives. We believe that zero-emission mobility is necessary to combat climate change. Our goal is a planet where all transportation is sustainable, clean, and electric! globalevalliance.com

About the Australian Electric Vehicle Association

The Australian Electric Vehicle Association Inc. (AEVA) is a volunteer run, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the cause of switching Australia's transport networks to electric drive as quickly as possible. Formed in 1973, the AEVA has branches in all states and territories across Australia. For more information about AEVA and its activity visit www.aeva.asn.au