



Affordable electric vehicles for Australian communities unlikely without Fuel Efficiency Standards

STATEMENT FROM 120 AUSTRALIAN MAYORS AND COUNCILLORS

Transport is a significant source of emissions at all levels of government - and is the third highest source of emissions nationally behind only electricity and stationary energy.

Local governments are doing what we can to switch to electric vehicles (EVs), but our hands are tied. A lack of supply to Australia, and the strong federal policy to drive it, makes it difficult to transition our fleets, therefore limiting the availability of secondhand vehicles to communities.

We urge the Federal Government to support our access to electric vehicles by legislating strong fuel efficiency standards.

World-class fuel efficiency standards would bring more low and zero emissions vehicles to Australian shores. This will accelerate the transition for councils - and with fleet vehicles entering the secondhand market after three to five years, this ensures communities have access to the best technology at a fair price.

We call on the Australian Government to:

Implement fuel efficiency standards that will secure a pipeline of affordable lower and zero emissions vehicles for Australian communities, Councils and business fleets. These standards must:

- Be mandatory and deliver at least equivalent settings to those in other major markets - to ensure Australia doesn't stay at the back of the queue for cleaner vehicles.
- Give Australian drivers more choice and affordability than they have today, by bringing a wider range of vehicle types to our shores.
- Support 100% of new vehicles sold in Australia to become zero emissions as soon as possible - sending a strong market signal that Australian communities, businesses and government agencies are ready for zero-emission vehicles.
- Be reviewed and updated approximately every five years. Technology changes fast and it's imperative we have a continued supply of quality vehicles equivalent to our global peers.

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