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Senator Glenn Sterle
Chair
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator,

I refer to the appearance of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts for Outcome 2 of Road and Vehicle Safety before the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee at the additional 2024-2025 Budget Estimates hearing on Tuesday 28 May 2024.

During the hearing, in response to Senator McKenzie's questions on the electrical vehicle uptake (page 130 of Hansard), I, Melissa Cashman, provided the response of "In October this year, the minister made new Australian design rules to set standards for the safety of electric powered vehicles and hydrogen powered vehicles. It's an outcome based standard that first responders can use to develop their training procedures. It's also designed to protect the occupants of vehicles and those that may come across a crashed vehicle".

The correct sentence should have in fact said "In October **last** year, the minister made new Australian design rules to set standards for the safety of electric powered vehicles and hydrogen powered vehicles. It's an outcome based standard that first responders can use to develop their training procedures. It's also designed to protect the occupants of vehicles and those that may come across a crashed vehicle"

I would be grateful if you could please note this for the information of the Committee.

Regards,

Ms Melissa Cashman
9 July 2024

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