



## **HYUNDAI SUBMISSION: COAG REFORM FUND AMENDMENT (NO ELECTRIC VEHICLE TAXES) BILL 2020**

Hyundai Motor Company Australia (HMCA) welcomes the opportunity to provide its input to the Senate Standing Committees on Economics inquiry into the COAG Reform Fund Amendment (No Electric Vehicle Taxes) Bill 2020.

Hyundai is at the forefront of the global shift towards electric mobility, offering one of the widest ranges of environmentally friendly powertrains worldwide. We plan to expand our eco car line-up to 44 models by 2025, cementing our role as one of the largest manufacturers in this segment.

As the only brand in Australia offering all four eco powertrains; that is hydrogen fuel cell electric, battery electric, plug-in hybrid and hybrid, HMCA has been actively engaging with governments at all levels for many years to secure a framework that supports the uptake of these technologies. We are encouraged by progress made to date, however we are greatly concerned the sector could be stifled through the introduction of state-based electric vehicle road user taxes and charges.

HMCA supports a level playing field approach for all types of vehicles. We believe road user charging should be considered from the perspective of the entire Australian vehicle fleet - across all powertrains - at the federal level. A patchwork approach state by state will lead to inconsistency and confusion for consumers with some technologies unfairly penalised.

HMCA wishes to assist state governments to meet their net zero carbon emissions targets through the deployment of low and zero emission products, however we anticipate sales of these vehicles will be held back by the introduction of a new tax on consumers, and in turn, transport emissions run the risk of not reversing their current upwards trend.

We believe that most Australians want governments to be driving policies that will make it easier to purchase an electric vehicle, not the opposite.

HMCA supports the COAG Reform Fund Amendment (No Electric Vehicle Taxes) Bill 2020 as a federal response to addressing state-based actions to introduce discriminatory taxes and charges on electric vehicles.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this inquiry. Should you have any questions regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me on e:

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