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Dear Committee Secretary

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Senate Economics Legislation Committee Inquiry into the *Treasury Laws Amendment (Electric Car Discount) Bill 2022*.

The ACT Government welcomes the Federal Government's commitment to progress action that promotes electric vehicle uptake and is pleased to support the development of this work. The proposed amendments will serve to remove financial disincentives that currently act as a barrier to the purchase of zero emissions vehicles (ZEVs) and slow our progress towards achieving net zero emissions.

The ACT has likewise implemented several measures to reduce the upfront cost of ZEVs including a stamp duty waiver for new ZEV purchases, two years free registration for new or used vehicles registered in the ACT and zero-interest loans up to \$15,000 for the purchase of a ZEV or electric vehicle charger.

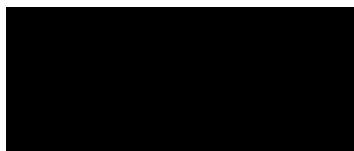
These policies are essential in bringing down the cost of ZEVs and to incentivise consumers to make the transition to a zero-emissions transport future.

Recognising the significance of a national electric vehicle strategy and this proposed Bill in reducing greenhouse gases from Australia's transport sector, I would further encourage the Senate Committee to consider the value of the Australian Government introducing a vehicle emissions standard.

Mandating at least the Euro 6 emissions standards for new light passenger and commercial vehicles in Australia would not only have a positive environmental impact, but also incentivise manufacturers to export a broader range of more efficient, affordable, modern, and safer vehicles to the Australian market, including ZEVs.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Senate Inquiry process. I look forward to seeing the progression of this Bill through Parliament.

Yours sincerely



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