

We have two cars. One is a 25 year old Volvo station wagon and the other is a 12 year old small vehicle.

Neither of these two vehicles is particularly environmentally friendly

Like quite a few other people we know, we have been waiting to be able to buy a SMALL electric or hybrid vehicle for 3 years or so, but there still seems zero possibility of doing so and the cost of keeping our current vehicles going especially in the case of the smaller vehicle, is often more than the car is worth. (The Prius is simply not a usefully designed vehicle for us. Lexus also and expensive, and Phev unnecessary AWD. In fact most of these vehicles are a very un exciting design and hybrids don't seem to have an adequate battery)

It is ridiculous when it would be possible to buy and use an electric car in a major city anywhere in Europe.

What seems also to be the usual short sighted and behind the times thinking in Australia is to NOT have any plan in place for putting in place charging stations (including sufficient stations) for such vehicles in relevant public places for the future.

There is a good reason why most people prefer a hatchback for a small vehicle, or a wagon or SUV. These are useful vehicles compared to a sedan. It is not for nothing that the Renault Zoe is the most popular electric car in Europe.

There is no country in the world that can have a car industry without subsidies, but those subsidies go far further in bringing benefits than the actual dollar amount. The LNP was shortsighted in closing our car industry. We should get a car industry up and running here making a very useful electric car that would be in demand everywhere else in the world. Copying something already produced elsewhere does not seem to be a very good idea.

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