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Dear Mr Nash and Dr Jones

Thank you for your email of 23 November 2020 about electric vehicles (EVs) and EV-specific road user charging.

The ACT Government recognises that the world is facing a climate change emergency. We have committed to undertaking rapid, science-based action to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and transition the ACT to net zero emissions by 2045. This includes significantly expanding the number of zero emissions vehicles (ZEVs) in the ACT, including EVs.

**The ACT Government has not yet announced road user charging in the ACT.** Our policy approach will be opt-in for vehicle owners and not limited to EVs. Our policy will incentivise less driving, saving households money and reducing congestion whilst mitigating the effects of climate change.

The ACT Government will continue to support the development of the ZEV industry. We currently offer the most generous financial incentives for the purchase and registration of ZEVs in Australia and have announced an extensive support package to further promote uptake. We will provide financial incentives for the purchase of ZEVs including free vehicle registration for two years, to be introduced as soon as practical. Additional financial incentives will be considered for businesses and the community sector.

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We will engage with the ZEV industry prior to the adoption of a target for new ACT vehicle sales to be zero emissions by 2030, becoming the first jurisdiction in Australia to set a target. We will also conduct market sounding to attract ZEV industries and other economic and training opportunities to the ACT. Our participation in research and pilots for further Vehicle2Grid and Vehicle2Home projects will also support the development of the ZEV industry and cement the ACT's status as a hub for renewables innovation.

To ensure we have sufficient infrastructure to support EVs, the ACT Government will deliver a further 50 EV recharging stations across Canberra and the ACT. We will also investigate regulatory steps to require built-in charging infrastructure in new construction while investigating measures to retrofit existing buildings.

It is well understood that we also need to address greenhouse gas emissions from other modes of transport so we will be implementing a pathway for the ACT to use only zero emissions public transport, garbage trucks, taxi and rideshare vehicles by the mid-2030s.

Thank you for your email and your ongoing support and promotion of EVs. I hope this information has been of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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