

Dear Commissioners Sterland and Stokie,

I have a relatively short submission in relation to the second component of draft recommendation 1.3, concerning a phase out of exemptions and discounts for electric vehicles.

To provide a more holistic recommendation, I ask that you consider incorporating into draft recommendation 1.3 the point you appear to be raising in the final three sentences of page 28 of your interim report.

That is, rather than 1.3 simply recommending that money be saved by phasing out the 'overlapping' incentives, I suggest it would be more in keeping with the net zero policy goal if you add that that saved money should be spent on more efficient ways of promoting electric vehicles — such as charging infrastructure.

With this edit, your recommendation will no longer appear to be advocating for less support for the transition to electric vehicles. Instead, it will be clearly advocating for more productive support for this transition.

Many thanks for your consideration.