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Hi Catherine,

Apologies for the Sunday email, please see below an enquiry for tick. Has been cleared with Joseph/ ██████████.

Thanks,

ENQUIRY:

1. Is the government any closer to moving NVES scheme compliance from the point of import to the point of sale?
2. Is the government aware that there are more than 10 new EV brands headed to Australia between now and the end of 2026, several of which are state-owned Chinese companies, that may be looking at this scheme as a way to generate significant revenue without actually contributing to the advancement of Australia's net-zero goals?
3. Why was the NVES carbon credits system set up to reward companies for imports and not sales in the first place?

RESPONSE:

When introducing the New Vehicle Efficiency Standard (NVES), the Minister made clear that introducing a change to the point of sale system would be too complex and was not possible before the legislation came into effect. However, the Government committed to consider moving to compliance at the point of sale, including through the review of the scheme to be undertaken in 2026.

The 2026 Review will also provide an opportunity for the Government to consider the impact of the initial operation of the NVES on the Australian vehicle market. The effectiveness of the NVES Scheme in achieving carbon abatement is one of the key legislated objects of the NVES Act. As such, the Government would treat any attempt by manufacturers to intentionally subvert its operation seriously.

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Hello Catherine,

We got this enquiry this afternoon. Bridget McKenzie stood up in Wodonga. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The media release is attached.

We are in discussion with Bowen's on this.

Let us know your thoughts.

[REDACTED] | ABC Wodonga.

I'm just reaching out for a response to a conference held by Bridget McKenzie today here in our town regarding the impact that 2035 emissions target and EV policy will have on automobile dealerships. I have attached her media release, which was put out today.

I am just seeking a response to her quotes. She says the government's policies are inequitable to car dealers and will cause issues in getting spare parts for many Chinese electric vehicles that are to come on the market.

I know it's a quick turnaround, but if I can get a response by 6pm today, that'd be great (or at the very very latest 5:30 am tomorrow 2/10)

Attributable to the Minister:

These comments are just the latest in a series of strange ideas from Senator McKenzie who is either not across the policy, or is choosing to deliberately mislead people.

Australia's New Vehicle Efficiency Standard (NVES) bring us in line with the rest of the world.

The NVES will save consumers money, provide them with more choice and reduce emissions.

Our government wants Australians to have a wider range of cars to choose from, rather than us being a dumping ground for out of date models that are expensive to run.

Drivers can still choose whatever car suits their needs, from 4 wheel drives or utes to EVs and hatchbacks.

The NVES has been designed to suit Australia's circumstances - including our emissions targets, vehicle fleet composition, the way Australians use light vehicles for transport, leisure and work, and the supply of light vehicles to Australia's domestic market.

Background

Minister Bowen has been clear that the Australian Government does not have an EV sales target and never has.

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Ok although check with [REDACTED] as we are not far off announcing the change

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Hi Catherine,

We've had the below enquiry come in re NVES- let me know if any issues.

Thanks,

1. Is the Government concerned by this trend that will see 'substitute' vehicles appear, with a full exemption from NVES?
2. Is this behaviour by carmakers in conflict with the intentions of NVES?
3. Will the legislated periodic review of NVES in 2026 provide Government with the opportunity to consider whether this loophole should be closed.

The NVES Act applies to vehicles that do not exceed a gross vehicle mass (GVM) of 4.5 tonnes. The Australian Government has made a determination to exempt vehicles that do not currently have a mandated CO₂ test because it would not be practical for them to be subject to the NVES at this time. In effect, this means that vehicles over 3.5 tonnes GVM are currently exempt from the NVES. Hence, it is unlikely the Ford Ranger Super Duty has been designed to be 4.5 tonnes GVM to be exempt from the NVES.

The 2026 Review will also provide an opportunity for the Government to consider the impact of the initial operation of the NVES on the Australian vehicle market. The effectiveness of the NVES Scheme in achieving carbon abatement is one of the key legislated objects of the NVES Act. As such, the Government would treat any attempt by manufacturers to intentionally subvert its operation seriously.

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