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### Inquiry into EV Vehicle Adoption in the ACT

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Dear sir / madam,

I am writing in relation to the above mention inquiry, however would like to address this from a point not mentioned in your submission mission guidelines. I for one will not be in a position to buy and EV any time soon, for the season outlined below.

The single greatest threat to the environment has come from current society's irresponsibly wasteful use of resources. Rather than own and use a product until it is no longer serviceable the current trend seems to be to throw away or replace perfectly good items in order to have the 'latest and greatest'. Whether this be the latest iPhone, the biggest new plasma screen TV or the shiniest EV on the block society as a whole have become incredibly wasteful.

While consumer good have in a lot of cases become cheaper in the past 2 decades, the reason is that they are not well made, and are basically throw away items. You only need to look at the lifespan of the average budget white-goods to see that this is false economy, and a massive waste of resources. People are replacing goods far more often than they should, and this is causing a huge drain on resources.

Cars are the same. Cars should easily last 30-40 years, however many end up on the scrap heap well before this. While most modern cars can be recycled to a degree, many do not get recycled and further resources are consumed producing new cars. Rather than encouraging and financially incentivising consumers to replace perfectly good cars, we should be encouraging people to stop the waste and own and use cars for their full service life.

Personally I own 5 fossil fuel powered cars, raging in production years from 1991 to 2012, and none of them are even close to their used by date. Will I replace them simply to qualify for taxpayer funded free registration or an interest free loan? No. I will simply keep them maintained, and use them until they actually need replacing.

If this principal was applied across the board, we would seem items maintained and used for longer, far less waste, and a much healthier environment.

Regards

Craig Homann.