



ALPS NATIONAL EV PLAN A MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

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Infrastructure Partnerships Australia welcomes the Australian Labor Party's (ALP) national commitment to accelerate the uptake of Electric Vehicles and address the rapid and terminal decline in vital road funding.

"The infrastructure sector welcomes the move by the ALP to put Electric Vehicles at the center of their re-election strategy and help open up Australia's Electric Vehicle market," said Infrastructure Partnerships Australia, Chief Executive Adrian Dwyer.

"We need to start having a national conversation about how we decarbonise our transport sector and agree a bipartisan agenda for accelerating uptake of Electric Vehicles if we want to meet our Paris climate commitments.

"Labor's proposal to exempt Electric Vehicles under \$77k from import tariffs and the Fringe Benefits Tax is a sensible first step to make Electric Vehicles more affordable and it's a policy the Federal Government should follow.

"It is good to see the ALP has acknowledged that we can't introduce measures to accelerate Electric Vehicle uptake without also addressing how to pay for roads as Fuel Excise declines.

"Applying a road user charge on Electric Vehicles is a smart, future-focused decision because as more Electric Vehicles take to the roads, there will be less money to pay for the roads we rely on.

"It makes sense to accelerate Electric Vehicle uptake *and* secure future road funding – we can have our cake and eat it.

"Victoria and South Australia have already taken steps to level the playing field on how we pay for roads and other states are seeing the sense in this policy too.

"Opposition Leader Anthony Albanese has rightly pointed out that Electric Vehicles need to pay to use the roads, but this doesn't have to be at the expense of uptake.

"The reality is we can accelerate uptake of Electric Vehicles while also ensuring that a modern funding system is in place that allows us to build and maintain roads for generations to come," said Mr Dwyer.

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