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Consumers will wait longer for electric utes under a watered-down NVES

Electric vehicle consumer advocacy group, the Australian Electric Vehicle Association (AEVA) today welcomed the federal government's announcement of the New Vehicle Emissions Standard (NVES) legislation, but expressed frustration at changes designed to appease certain vehicle importers.

The proposed changes mean several popular passenger vehicles would be moved into the 'light commercial vehicle' category, affording those vehicles a less stringent emissions target, and even more time to adjust to the new regulations.

Dr Chris Jones, President of the AEVA, said this runs the risk of car importers focussing on these vehicle types, and pushing consumers towards larger, less efficient vehicles.

"Relaxing emissions standards for new dual cab utes and large SUVs even further will reduce the incentive to develop electric powertrains for such vehicles" he said.

"When Australia's most popular family cars are also amongst the heaviest and most polluting, one has to wonder what impact this will have on the average vehicle mass, and ultimately on cumulative greenhouse gas emissions."

AEVA was pleased to see that its recommendation that the built-in reviews can only strengthen, and not weaken future targets, was embraced. "This gives the Government scope to bring ambition back to the scheme through reviews, once it becomes clear that the importers can indeed adjust", said Dr Jones.

A host of other necessary measures to accelerate and smooth the transition to EVs were outlined in the AEVA's [recent submission](#) to the [House of Representatives Inquiry Into the Transition to Electric Vehicles](#).

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