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To: Hon. Rita Saffioti MLA, West Australian Minister for Transport
Re: Zero Emission Vehicle Rebate excludes motorcycles

Dear Minister Saffioti,

The Australian Electric Vehicle Association (AEVA) is a not-for-profit, volunteer-run organisation dedicated to promoting electric mobility for Australia. Formed in 1973, we represent the interests of current and prospective electric vehicle (EV) owners and enthusiasts, as well as any Australian riding on, or in electric transport.

May I begin by congratulating the WA government on a very successful rollout of the WA EV Network; arguably Australia's best EV charging network. This is enabling the uptake of electric passenger vehicles in the regions and paving the way for more charging infrastructure to come. I would also like to commend the government's commitment to Metronet – an essential piece of the electric mass transport infrastructure.

I wish to raise the issue of the Zero Emission Vehicle Rebate for new EVs, managed through the Department of Transport. While uptake of EVs remains strong, the AEVA is disappointed that electric motorcycles and mopeds are still excluded from the list of eligible road-going EVs.

Now that new electric cars have reached price parity to comparable petrol or diesel cars, one could argue that the role of post-purchase rebates has run its course. However new electric motorcycles are still *twice the price* of a comparable petrol bike. Considering motorcycles are smaller, lighter, less resource-intensive and ultimately more efficient at moving the rider to their destination, it seems remiss that they be excluded from the scheme. Purchase price remains the single biggest deterrent to uptake today.

I'd be happy to discuss this in detail with any of your team.

Sincerely,

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