



## Media release

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### Accelerate EV adoption to slow air pollution

The Australian Electric Vehicle Association (AEVA) today welcomes the Superpower Institute report 'The Case for Pricing Pollution' released 29 January 26 and supports the proposed Polluter Pays Levy (PPL). AEVA is Australia's leading EV consumer body, and says the PPL would advance AEVA's core aim of electrifying all forms of transport as quickly as possible.

AEVA A/g President, Jo Oddie said "This proposed levy on fossil fuels makes electrification of transport a rational economic choice and would further incentivise uptake of electric vehicles (EVs) across all classes of transport."

The Superpower Institute report (p38) states that *"When a company imports a tonne of petrol, the petrol will later become about 3.1 tonnes of carbon dioxide, when it is combusted in our car engines. The PPL makes the importer liable for the carbon associated with the product it has imported. The PPL would be levied on a per-tonne of CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent basis...a starting price for the PPL at \$17 per tonne of CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent."*

AEVA is one of many organisations expressing concern at Australia's dependence on privately managed importation of liquid fuel supplies. "Disruption to this precarious supply chain would have profound and rapid effects on the economy. The levy is a necessary step in driving reduction in our dependence on imported liquid fuels," said Ms Oddie.

AEVA also recognises such a levy would have a beneficial economic impact; as the annual \$40 billion spent on liquid fuels reduces, improving balance of payments and reducing energy costs. In addition, money raised by the levy could fund recoveries from climate-related extreme weather events, improve community resilience and protect the environment.

The often un-costed burden of death and disease from traffic-related air pollution would begin to be addressed through such a levy; recent research published in The Lancet demonstrates that EV uptake is closely associated with significant reductions in nitrogen dioxide and other air pollutants.

AEVA believes these proposals, and others including universal mass x distance road user charging are necessary, logical, fair and simple. They will benefit all Australians.

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### About AEVA

The Australian Electric Vehicle Association (AEVA) LTD is a volunteer-run, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the cause of switching Australia's transport networks to electric drive as quickly as possible. Formed after the oil price shocks of 1973, the AEVA is the longest continuously running EV society in the world.

We represent all EV users and enthusiasts, current and prospective.



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<https://www.superpowerinstitute.com.au/work/the-case-for-pricing-pollution>

[Zero-emissions vehicle adoption and satellite-measured NO2 air pollution in California, USA, from 2019 to 2023: a longitudinal observational study - The Lancet Planetary Health](#)