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CANBERRA ELECTRIC VEHICLE GROUP CALLS FOR EV INCENTIVES

Following the ACT election outcome, the ACT Branch of the Australian Electric Vehicle Association (AEVA ACT) has called on ACT Labor to adopt the ACT Greens' proposals for electric vehicle incentives.

"Our members have already purchased electric vehicles without incentives" the Chair of AEVA ACT (Edward Eom) commented. "But we want EVs to become much more affordable for most Canberrans. A Labor/Greens ACT Government could achieve that by adopting the proposals of the ACT Greens".

During the election campaign, the ACT Greens proposed a financial incentive of up to \$10,000 for the purchase of a zero-emission car. Half of the incentive would be a grant, and the other half an interest free loan. The incentive would apply to all zero emission cars, including used ones, but not to vehicles priced above \$60,000.

The Policy Co-ordinator for AEVA ACT (Peter Campbell) commented: "A shift to EVs would have the twin benefits of lowering greenhouse emissions from the transport sector (currently the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the ACT) and lowering other emissions that are harmful to public health. International experience has shown that incentives of the sort proposed by the Greens are the most effective policy to drive a more rapid uptake of electric vehicles".

AEVA ACT acknowledges the nation-leading actions of the ACT Government in delivering 100% renewable electricity and in developing its Action Plan for Transition to Zero Emission Vehicles. It supports the ACT Government target of net zero emissions by 2045 and sees the electrification of all modes of transport as a vital part of the process.

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