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Dear Mr Nash and Mr Jones

Thank you for your letter dated 23 November 2020 to the Chief Minister and Treasurer of the Northern Territory, the Hon Michael Gunner MLA, regarding electric vehicle (EV) road user charging. Your correspondence has been referred to me as the responsible Minister.

Following the release of an EV Discussion Paper for consultation in October 2019, the Northern Territory Government is currently developing an EV Strategy and Implementation Plan. Development of the EV Strategy has been informed by feedback to the EV Discussion Paper. The EV Strategy will include consideration of a broad range of issues relevant to supporting EV uptake. Key issues under consideration include vehicle cost and availability, vehicle charging, EV related knowledge and skills, and consumer information. The Northern Territory Government is already trialling a number of plug-in hybrid EVs as part of the vehicle fleet and is ensuring public EV charging facilities are available in new infrastructure, such as the recently completed State Square car park in Darwin.

Given the low number of EVs in the Northern Territory at present, the Northern Territory Government is not currently considering implementation of an EV road user charge. It is anticipated that the EV Strategy and Implementation Plan will be available in mid-2021 and I will ensure that your Association is included in communications regarding the Strategy.

Thank you for bringing your concerns and suggestions to my attention.

Yours sincerely

  
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