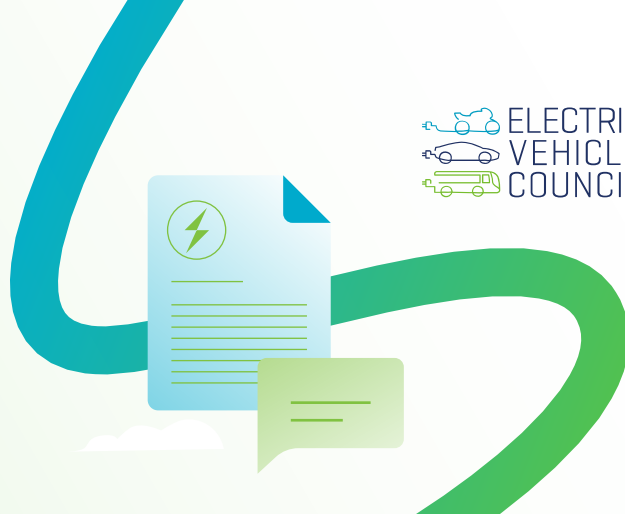


EVC Policy Asks for the Year Ahead



Australia ends 2026 with EV uptake accelerating and three major decisions approaching: the statutory review of the New Vehicle Efficiency Standard, the design of road user charging and planning the next wave of charging infrastructure. Despite the ongoing fuel crisis pushing diesel to \$3/L, our freight sector continues to run on a fuel that is both imported and subject to volatile pricing.

The EVC's Policy Asks cut the cost of living for households and businesses by switching to electric cars and trucks. Governments need to continue their reform agenda to transition our cars, trucks and busses from petrol and diesel to electricity. These reforms will not only enhance our economic productivity by cutting fuel costs but also cut our reliance on expensive, imported fuels.

	ASKS	STATE	FEDERAL
Light EVs  01	→ Implement Ministerial direction by end of 2027 to extend the New Vehicle Efficiency Standards beyond 2029, to align with the Federal Government's 2035 emissions target		✓
	→ Introduce equity-based demand-side policies aimed to help economically disadvantaged Australian access the benefits of EVs	✓	✓
	→ Require all government-owned vehicles transition to EVs by 2030	✓	✓
	→ Implement a federal road user charge that does not discourage EV uptake with revenue reinvested into developing Australia's EV ecosystem		✓
Heavy EVs  02	→ Introduce accessible incentives, financial support and/or tax concessions that reduce capital costs for a critical mass of operators	✓	✓
	→ Remove restrictions on quiet, clean, zero-emission delivery vehicles (e.g. as-of-right access, exemptions from noise restrictions)	✓	✓
	→ Implement preferential operating conditions for heavy EVs that lower OpEx for electric fleets (e.g. registration amnesties, toll discounts, clean air zones)	✓	
	→ Incorporate heavy EVs in the National EV Strategy, recognising electrification as the most affordable pathway to securing energy security		✓

Industry Development



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ASKS

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→ Fund a concerted 'consumer education' campaign to counter misinformation and prepare all Australians to switch to electric



→ Establish a national data repository for tracking real-time uptake of both EV sales and the charger rollout



→ Streamline accreditation pathways to upskill Australia's mechanics and fit-for-purpose training programs



→ Dedicated EV funding stream and focus area as part of the Future Made in Australia agenda



Energy & Infrastructure



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→ Fund and develop a National EV Charging Roadmap to guide cost-effective co-investment, establish a comprehensive charging-data framework, and plan charging for both passenger and heavy vehicles



→ Reform the electricity market to prioritise transport electrification by streamlining connections, enabling anticipatory network investment, improving capacity visibility and rewarding flexible charging.



→ Build equity into charging access by making apartments, workplaces and new developments charging-ready



→ Introduce a demand-side incentive to accelerate the uptake of V2G-capable technology in Australia.



→ Fund dedicated heavy-vehicle charging hubs and commit to Australia's first clean freight corridors.

