

Hon Simon Watts
Minister of Climate Change

Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Transport

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Dear Minister,

I am writing to provide written feedback as Minister of Climate Change to the draft Cabinet paper, *Ending the Clean Car Discount Scheme*.

The government has committed to meeting the 2030 Paris NDC target and the target of Net Zero 2050, and electrification of our transport fleet will be a critical pathway to ensure we reduce transport emissions.

This coalition government has set an ambitious agenda for lowering emissions in the transport and energy sector, including investment in charging infrastructure for electric vehicles and doubling renewable energy generation, which is also included in the 100 Day Action Plan.

I also have concerns about the Clean Car discount and its efficacy, and I note that concerns are raised in the attached regulatory impact statement regarding equity and ongoing effectiveness. These are concerns I share. The uptake of electric vehicles is increasing mainly due to global factors, including advancing technology, increased supply and the market providing lower costs.

Given this, the Clean Car discount will offer limited benefits to the uptake of EVs above business as usual. When this is considered alongside the serious equity concerns, particularly the increased costs to those who cannot viably purchase an EV, I do not support the continuation of the Clean Car discount.

I look forward to working together to meet our ongoing climate goals.

Sincerely,



Hon. Simon Watts
Minister for Climate Change