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TO:

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RE: Questions on Victorian Electric Vehicle Policy

With the state election due on Saturday on 26th November, we the Victorian Branch of the Australian Electric Vehicle Association (AEVA) write to you ask for details of your Electric Vehicle (EV) policy.

The AEVA formed in 1973 is non-partisan, volunteer run, not-for-profit and has branches in every state. Our purpose is to encourage the transition of all forms of transport in Australia from fossil fuel to electric.

We believe the benefits for individuals, nationally and for the planet are indisputable.

Our state government has an important leadership role to play in setting policy, acting to encourage EV uptake and leading by example.

Please would you explain what actions your party will take after the election?

In particular:

- 1) What will you do to reduce the barriers to the uptake of EVs? Current barriers include:
- high capital cost of new and second hand EVs
- lack of charging infrastructure
- lack of availability of EVs in Victoria
- lack of fuel efficiency standards
- 2) What will you do to encourage the uptake of EVs? Possible encouragement includes:
- financial incentives
- education campaigns
- 3) What will you do to lead by example? Leading by example could include:
- government EV fleets

- public EV buses
- 4) What will you do to reduce the unfair aspects of the current Victorian EV Road Tax?

This open letter will be posted on our website at the end of August. Please respond by cob Friday 14th October. Victorian branch of AEVA will list your response along with the other major parties on our website enabling our members and the general public access to make an informed decision on this important issue.

We also offer you the opportunity to attend our monthly Branch meeting in Glen Waverley at 7pm on Wednesday 12th October.

Please email your response to our secretary Rick Molloy.

We thank you in advance for sharing your EV policy and wish you well in the pending election campaign.

Your sincerely,

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