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Give more Australians access to imported second-hand electric vehicles, EV Association says

Australia should learn from New Zealand and make it easier to import used electric vehicles and motorcycles, according to the Australian Electric Vehicle Association (AEVA).

AEVA is calling for changes to regulations to allow independent importers to offer a greater variety of cheaper EVs – ideally priced under \$20,000.

AEVA President Dr Chris Jones said, 'It is unfortunate that the recently-announced National EV Strategy ignores the equity benefits of allowing a wider range of used EVs to enter Australia as parallel imports.'

'Many Australians cannot afford to purchase a new EV. Until more second-hand EVs come onto the market as those in fleets complete their leases, there is a compelling need for other measures.'

'Parallel importation offers a viable pathway for more affordable EVs to the lowest end of the market - primarily second hand, low-frills EVs with adequate range, and ideally priced under \$20,000' he said.

The National Secretary of AEVA (Warwick Cathro), who owns a 2018 Hyundai Ioniq hatchback, said it was absurd that this model could not be imported from the UK as a used car.

'Dealers in Australia have been servicing this model for over four years', he said. 'Very minimal changes would be required to allow UK imports to drive on Australian roads.'

More information

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The Australian Electric Vehicle Association Inc. (AEVA) is a volunteer run, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the cause of switching Australia's transport to electric drive as quickly as possible. Its members are current and aspiring owners and drivers of EVs. Information about the AEVA can be found at aeva.asn.au