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Transport decarbonisation priorities noted in sector pathway review

The Australian Electric Vehicle Association (AEVA) welcomes the detailed Sector Pathway Review issued by the Climate Change Authority (CCA) last week, with the transport chapter outlining a range of options for cutting emissions in the land, rail, maritime and aviation transport sectors.

Cars and light commercial vehicles are responsible for the overwhelming majority of transport emissions (55 million tons of CO₂-e) but the report notes these are some of the easier subsets to decarbonise, using mode-shift strategies and full electrification.

“The CCA report notes that in order to hit our 2050 emissions goal, *all* road-going vehicles must be fully electric – hybrids can’t get you there.” said Dr Chris Jones, AEVA National President. “However, current policies are on a trajectory well short of the target.”

The recently legislated New Vehicle Efficiency Standard tightens emissions standards until 2029, with vague plans for targets out to 2035. Meanwhile, many of the petrol and diesel vehicles bought in Australia next decade will still be on the road beyond 2050.

“Sustainable transport organisations around the world have embraced the ‘avoid-shift-improve’ approach to decarbonising transport. Policies which enable all three simultaneously must be enlisted” says Jones. “Any policy which prolongs a dependence on fossil fuels will be a dead weight on the nation’s efforts.”

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