

# Bulletin

## Industry Divisions



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### **A fair transition: Developing a pragmatic New Vehicle Efficiency Standard MTAA Submission**

Members were advised on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2023, that the Australian Government released a consultation paper on a New Vehicle Efficiency Standard (NVES): ['Cleaner, Cheaper to Run Cars: The Australian New Vehicle Efficiency Standard Cleaner, Cheaper to Run Cars: The Australian New Vehicle Efficiency Standard'](#).

#### **About the NVES**

The NVES goes some way to announcing the Government's 5-year plan to reduce vehicle emissions by more than 60 per cent for passenger vehicles and light commercial vehicles.

#### **Victorian Automobile Dealers Association's (VADA) strategic approach to responding to the NVES**

The communication about the NVES from VADA members to VACC has been prolific. VADA has acted swiftly and responsibly, conducting many extraordinary meetings of VADA members and pursuing other actions in the political and business arena. This includes convening highly productive briefing sessions held in Canberra with our US fuel efficiency expert Barbara Kiss. MTAA advise that Barbara, who has provided enormous value to the MTAA position is already receiving [positive media attention](#).

VADA has worked closely with the MTAA on developing the MTAA response to the government consultation paper.

[Read the MTAA response to the NVES HERE](#)

#### **About the MTAA response to the Government NVES consultation Paper**

Some of the key areas focussed upon in the MTAA response include:

- Including four-wheel drive vehicles and SUVs in the Light Commercial category
- Calling for true consistency with the US model, not just the parts that fit the ideology
- Commitment to biennial reviews of the NVES
- Allow for the pooling of credits
- Investigating and acting on the impact on regional dealers and consumers
- Reviewing stimulus measures, including extending the FBT criteria for PHEVs beyond 2025
- Calling for the introduction of a national end-of-life vehicle scrappage scheme to treat and dispose of the 20 million ICE vehicles to come off Australian roads
- Alerting motorists and industry of the elements and timing of an introduction of a national road user charge.
- The issue of skills and labour shortages.

#### **Next steps**

The lobbying process increases in its level from now.

VACC will keep VADA members apprised of developments including asking members to take specific action with key members of State and Federal Parliament.

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VADA also acknowledges the contributions of many Victorian new car dealers in contributing data and support to the MTAA response. I am sure you will find it a fascinating read.

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