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NALSPA Welcomes New National EV Strategy

The peak industry body for Australia's salary packaging and novated lease sector, the National Automotive Leasing and Salary Packaging Association (**NALSPA**), welcomes the Federal Government's National Electric Vehicle (**EV**) Strategy, released today.

NALSPA and its members fully support the decarbonisation of land transport in Australia and view the electrification of the Australian motor vehicle fleet as playing an integral role in that process.

Having provided a submission as part of the consultation process, NALSPA believes the National EV Strategy will further enable an orderly, considered and successful transition to low and zero emissions vehicles and congratulates The Hon Chris Bowen MP and The Hon Catherine King MP on delivering this landmark body of work.

An orderly and considered transition is imperative so that we best consider and accommodate the longer-term transport and mobility needs of all Australians, importantly including those located in remote and regional Australia.

NALSPA Chairman, Rob Bazzani said: "We are pleased to see Australia making further progress on this important issue and commend the Federal Government on this forward-thinking framework to help foster and accelerate the uptake of EVs.

"We welcome the introduction of a Fuel Efficiency Standard appropriate for the Australian conditions, which we see as being a key driver in increasing the supply of fuel-efficient vehicles to our market. We are also pleased to see the Strategy focus on improving the ease of access to EV charging facilities and we will continue to consult with Government on the issue of affordable and accessible charging infrastructure – a critical element of Australia's transition to EVs.

"The National EV Strategy, together with the previously introduced EV FBT Discount legislation which is already generating a material boost to the take-up of EVs, heralds an exciting time for Australia.

"NALSPA members are pleased to have the opportunity to play an important role in supporting Australia's de-carbonisation initiatives and in assisting working Australian's to ultimately transition into an affordable EV."

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