



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### EVs Charging Ahead in Queensland

The Queensland Premier announced today that an electric vehicle (EV) incentive would be introduced as part of the government's EV strategy. This brings Queensland in line with NSW, Victoria and South Australia who also offer a subsidy.

Queensland has already gone a long way to support the uptake of EVs with the electric super highway, a network of state-wide EV fast chargers.

Premier Palaszczuk announced the \$3,000 subsidy for EVs priced under \$58,000 as an incentive to consumers to buy an EV from 1 July 2022. She said this will help curb Queensland's transport sector emissions and accelerate the shift from petrol and diesel in line with a net-zero emissions target by 2050. The subsidy excludes the popular Tesla Model 3 and is available for 15,000 new vehicles. The purchase price cap means the subsidy is expected to be available for six models: Hyundai's Ioniq and Kona models, Nissan's Leaf, MG's ZS Essence and BYD's new Atto models.

Last year the Queensland Transport Minister Mark Bailey made it clear that the State would not be looking at a road-user charge, as introduced in Victoria, which charges EV drivers 2.5 cents per kilometre travelled.

Rod Camm, CEO for the Motor Trades Association of Queensland said, "The government should be applauded for this initiative to bring Queensland in line with other States. It is obviously very important to get the price down on EVs to make them more affordable for consumers, and there's no point even considering a road-user tax until you've got a lot of EVs on the road.

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“With the price of petrol over \$2 per litre, it is also the perfect time to make this announcement as the hurt is real for many Queenslanders.”

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**Background:**

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (**MTA Queensland**) is the peak body representing the interests of employers in the retail, repair, and service sectors of Queensland’s automotive industry. MTA Queensland has been performing its vital representative role for the automotive industry since 1929. In Queensland there are some 16,000 automotive businesses employing more than 90,000 people, that generate more than \$7.24 billion to the state economy annually. The automotive industry is estimated to contribute \$37 billion to the Australian economy each year. The Association represents and promotes issues of relevance to all levels of government. In 2019 MTA Queensland was announced as an ABA100 winner in The Australian Business Awards and a finalist in the Lord Mayor’s Business Awards, for Business Innovation.

The **MTA Institute (RTO 31529)** is the leading automotive training provider in Queensland offering nationally recognised training, covering technical, retail and the aftermarket sectors of the automotive industry. The MTA Institute is the largest independent automotive training provider in Queensland, employing experienced trainers who are geographically dispersed from Cairns to the Gold Coast and Toowoomba to Emerald. In the last year, the MTA Institute delivered accredited courses to more than 2,000 students. The MTA Institute is the first trade RTO in Australia to be approved under the ITECA Industry Certification Program and was the winner of the Small Training Provider of the Year at the 2019 Queensland Training Awards.

**MTAiQ**, Australia’s first automotive innovation hub established by MTA Queensland in 2017, is an eco-system that supports innovation and research for the motor trades.

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