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Incentives Needed For EV Uptake

In Australia, there are several ways motorists contribute to federal and state funded road maintenance and infrastructure. Most typically these include vehicle registration, tolls, GST and insurance premiums. Motorist also pay on average, a 50 cent per litre fuel excise which is collected from service stations by the Australian Tax Office in the form of a tax payment.

The fuel excise in Australia typically contributes 13 billion per year to our roads. It is this financial contribution by motorists that has caused much contention regarding Australia's uptake of electric vehicles (EV)s. The vast majority of EV owners avoid the fuel excise completely as they eschew fossil fuels and charge their vehicles privately. As EVs gain popularity in Australia, finding a practicable solution to the loss in revenue generated by the fuel excise is under review by the Federal Government.

MTA Queensland Group Chief Executive Dr Brett Dale believes caution needs to be applied to ensure more barriers are not created that prevent the uptake of EVs in Australia, citing the significant upfront cost associated with the cars already means they are beyond the budget for a lot of consumers.

"EVs are an incredibly positive step forward for our industry and we must keep pace with the impacts of disruptive technology to ensure we seize the opportunity they present.

"Currently, Australia offers little incentive for EV uptake and we must realise their potential- not just for reducing emissions but for possible onshore manufacturing and jobs if the demand is met.

"The push for road tax reform is swiftly approaching and MTA Queensland supports the user-pay approach providing an equitable solution for all road users. This system is based on a tax payment associated with the distance a vehicle has travelled, rather than its fuel source.

"Further, it is imperative that the state and federal governments follow the example of other countries including Canada, China, USA, India, Japan and many European countries. These countries provide price subsidies and tax reductions, exemptions and credits to encourage the uptake of EVs," said Dr Dale.

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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 / mobility industry. There are some 15,500 automotive value chain businesses employing in excess of 90,000 people, that generate more than \$20 billion annually. The Association represents and promotes issues of relevance to the automotive / mobility industry to all levels of Government and within Queensland's economic structure. 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 Association is the leading automotive training provider in Queensland offering nationally recognised training, covering technical, retail and the aftermarket sectors of the automotive industry through the **MTA Institute (RTO 31529)** - a registered training organisation. It is the largest independent automotive apprentice trainer 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 announced the winner of the Small Training Provider of the Year at the 2019 Queensland Training Awards.

MTA*i*Q, Australia's first automotive innovation hub established by MTA Queensland in 2017, is an eco-system that supports innovation for mobility and the motor trades.

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