

**SENATOR JANET RICE**

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### **GOVERNMENT'S LEAKED ELECTRIC VEHICLE STRATEGY IS WOEFULLY INADEQUATE**

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Australian Greens Transport spokesperson Senator Janet Rice has slammed the Morrison Government's draft electric vehicle strategy, labelling it woefully inadequate.

#### **Senator Rice said:**

"The Morrison Government's sorry excuse for a strategy does almost nothing to help people make the switch from polluting vehicles to electric cars.

"Rather than turbo charging the uptake of electric vehicles the government seems determined to keep us in the slow lane for years to come.

"Meanwhile, the government announced yesterday they are subsidising the production of oil in Australia by 1c a litre, in the interest of fuel security. The best fuel security for the country is for people to be driving electric cars.

"The transport sector already makes up about 20% of Australia's emissions. At a time when we're facing a global climate emergency and Australia has already felt the effects of 1 degree of warming, we simply cannot afford a government that is not taking bold, decisive action to slash our transport pollution.

"The conservative UK government under Boris Johnson will ban the sale of petrol and diesel cars by 2030, and Norway will do the same by 2025. This is what real climate action looks like.

"Australia is being left behind while our government props up the oil, coal and gas industries.

“The Greens are committed to re-powering our economy through clean energy and making sure all new cars are electric by 2030. This includes policies to reduce the cost of an EV by 20% to make them more affordable for all Australians.

“Under our plan, big automakers would have to bring the electric vehicles to Australia that they are supplying to other countries, we’d slash registration fees, stamp duty and GST to help people afford them, and we’d spend \$150 million to build a national fast charging network to ensure that wherever you drive, there’s always somewhere to charge close by.”

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