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Steven Marshall's Electric Vehicle Tax passes Parliament

Just days before the Glasgow Climate Change Conference, Steven Marshall's Electric Vehicle Tax has passed through parliament.

At a time when most of the world is concentrating on the imminent threat of a warming planet, the Marshall Liberal government has decided to create a disincentive to switch from petrol to electric cars.

While most advanced nations are providing incentives to move away from high emissions vehicles, this government has determined that a disincentive is the key measure in their electric vehicle policy.

The argument used by the Liberals is that they need revenue to replace a federal tax imposed on petrol – a tax which is not dedicated to road maintenance and is treated as general revenue by Canberra.

This is a state government trying to fix a federal government revenue issue while the planet is literally on the verge of climate catastrophe.

Electric vehicles make up less than 1 per cent of new car sales in South Australia – in contrast to nations with incentives that have achieved between 10 and 70 per cent of new car sales being electric vehicles.

South Australia already has a reduced range of electric cars on sale here, due to the lack of dedicated government policy at the state and federal level, and this tax will mean the advances in technology enjoyed around the world will pass South Australian motorists by.

Quotes attributable to Deputy Labor Leader Susan Close

While most of the rest of the world is trying to incentivise take up of electric cars, Steven Marshall's government has just brought in a big new tax to act as a disincentive.

Much like the Morrison Federal Government, the Liberals here in South Australia just aren't taking the threat of climate change seriously.

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