

Environment:

Stop Steven  
Marshall's  
Electric  
Vehicle Tax

For  
the  
Future

South  
Australian  
**Labor**

## Labor will:

Repeal the Marshall Liberal government electric vehicle tax. This legislation is due to take effect from 2027, and Labor will repeal it before any electric vehicles can be taxed for the kilometres they drive. We want to encourage South Australians to buy an electric vehicle and hitting them with this tax will have the opposite effect. Over the coming decade the price of electric vehicles is expected to fall and they will become increasingly common on our roads. The Marshall Liberal government has seen an opportunity to slug road users with an extra tax when they should be doing everything they can to reduce emissions from petrol and diesel vehicles.

Acknowledgment of country.

We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Custodians whose ancestral lands we live and work upon and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge and respect their deep spiritual connection and the relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have to Country. We also pay our respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their nations in South Australia, as well as those across Australia.

Without the introduction of supportive policies, the rest of the world will enjoy increasingly more affordable and accessible electric vehicles, while Australians miss out and transport emissions continue to rise. The increased model availability and declining prices forecast for electric vehicles and associated technologies will not be mirrored in Australia without the correct policy settings.<sup>1</sup>

1. South Australia – Wrong Direction, Wrong Policy

## Electric vehicle tax leaves SA stalled at innovation gate

The State Government should not only dump its planned tax on electric vehicles, it should encourage their use and capitalise on the wide benefits, agrees Craig Wilkins.

Indaily | 14 April 2021

## South Australia to apply road tax to electric vehicles, other states may follow

The South Australia government will apply a distance-based charge to electric cars in lieu of fuel excise - a large portion of which goes into road funding.

Drive | 12 November 2020



# TRANSPORT EMISSIONS:

HOW DOES

# AUSTRALIA COMPARE?

## 2018 GLOBAL RANKINGS: TRANSPORT ENERGY EFFICIENCY

### TOP



**1<sup>ST</sup>**  
FRANCE



**4<sup>TH</sup>**  
CHINA



**2<sup>ND</sup>**  
INDIA



**5<sup>TH</sup>**  
UK



**3<sup>RD</sup>**  
ITALY



**6<sup>TH</sup>**  
JAPAN

### BOTTOM



**20<sup>TH</sup>**  
AUSTRALIA



**23<sup>RD</sup>**  
THAILAND



**21<sup>ST</sup>**  
TURKEY



**24<sup>TH</sup>**  
SAUDI ARABIA



**22<sup>ND</sup>**  
SOUTH AFRICA



**25<sup>TH</sup>**  
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

### WHY IS AUSTRALIA SO POOR?



High polluting cars



Lack of greenhouse gas emissions standards (or fuel efficiency standards) in place



High car use



The relatively high distances travelled per person (by car)



Low share of trips taken by public transport



Low ratio of spending on public transport compared to roads (ACEEE 2014; 2016; 2018)

### BACK OF THE PACK



Australia is consistently at the "back of the pack" on transport energy efficiency.



