

## Inquiry into Health Impacts of Air Pollution in Victoria

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**Submission:**

Transportation is one of the highest polluters, recognised by our government and internationally, yet Victoria is not being aggressive on the transition to zero emission vehicles. Rather than push hard to install infrastructure to support zero emission vehicles, they are introducing a tax that will slow the adoption of such vehicles.

Victoria has aggressively supported home solar, so it makes good sense to back that up with incentives to match the solar output with zero emission vehicle charging.

There have been no penalties, or disincentives, to using Internal Combustion Engines ICE (except the Federal Fuel Excise tax). How about add \$100 to the cost of a new vehicle when it is sold (that would provide \$2mil towards car charging solutions)? Add \$10 to the cost of registration (that would add \$50mil towards car charging solutions). These are insignificant increases to these costs but leverage the volume to provide a significant amount of revenue towards a transition.

Gas heating and cooking is another large source of pollution. By converting renewables into hydrogen (or other reliable storage mediums) the Victorian government could focus on converting homes from gas appliances to electric appliances and power them using the stored power. Rather than pursuing a very expensive and arguably inefficient hydrogen solution for personal transport, look at the more realistic use of hydrogen as a renewable energy storage system.

It is ironic that the Victorian government is providing a \$100 discount on vehicle registration yet introducing a \$0.025/km tax that negates that discount, and there is no disincentive to driving a pollution generating vehicle. They provide incentives to install solar and batteries, but now we hear talk about charging customers for putting excess power onto the grid. This submission is to discuss ways to reduce pollution, yet every measure taken to do this has a negative impact as the Victorian government then introduces a tax on it. What's the message here, are they serious about reducing pollution or, as it seems to be the case, are they just interested to find new ways to raise revenues and using pollution initiatives as the mechanism?

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