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Dear Ministers

### FUEL EFFICIENCY STANDARD

Our members are concerned about reports of possible delays to the introduction of fuel efficiency standards in Australia.

In our submission in May this year in response to the *Fuel Efficiency Standard - Cleaner, Cheaper to Run Cars for Australia* consultation paper, we advocated for a start date of 1 January 2024, which we believed was achievable. As that date now seems impractical, we strongly recommend that the scheme should start by 1 March 2024. Every month delayed sets us further behind other comparable countries.

The explanation that the government is carefully considering the design of the scheme to “get it right” is a dubious excuse.

The major imperatives of the scheme are:

- Implement as soon as possible
- Set ambitious targets which reduce yearly
- Aim for a standard of zero emissions for new light vehicles by 2035
- No “super credits” or multipliers for ZLEVs
- Limit curves should NOT be applied
- Penalties should be substantial.

Beyond that, the details are not that important and could be adjusted in future years.

The Institute of Transportation Engineers - Australia and New Zealand Section (ITE-ANZ) is part of an international organisation representing a community of transport professionals including transport engineers, transport planners, urban planners, consultants, educators and researchers. We have no vested interest, except a desire to see the transport system be as sustainable as possible for the sake of future generations.

Our policy position is as follows:

“ITE-ANZ firmly supports the adoption of a mandatory Fuel Efficiency Standard to control vehicle CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in Australia. This reform is long overdue and should be implemented with the greatest urgency. The standard should be ambitious and should be progressively tightened over time to align with those adopted by comparable countries around the world.”

We urge you to get this important reform through the parliament so that the incentives for electrifying the road transport system are realised as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



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Secretary