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Mr Mark Fitt
Committee Secretary
Senate Economics Legislation Committee
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Dear Committee Secretary

Thank you for your email dated 10 February 2021 providing the Northern Territory Government the opportunity to give feedback to the *Inquiry into COAG Reform Fund Amendment (No Electric Vehicle Taxes) Bill 2020*.

The Northern Territory is currently building on feedback to our electric vehicle (EV) discussion paper, released in 2019, to develop an EV strategy, which is scheduled to be delivered by mid-2021. Key issues are being considered further, including vehicle cost and availability, and vehicle charging, as well as EV-related knowledge, skills and the provision of information to consumers.

The Northern Territory Government will continue to support and promote the use of EVs in the Territory, including ensuring the right infrastructure is in place to support increased private EV use in-line with advances in technology. The Northern Territory Government has already been trialling a number of plug-in hybrid EVs as part of our vehicle fleet, and is ensuring public EV charging facilities are available in new infrastructure proposals.

With the low uptake of EVs in the Territory presently, there is no consideration to implement an EV road user charge.

My Government is continuing to invest in renewable energy infrastructure across the Territory, and an EV industry will have the ability to utilise some of the best solar resources in the world. We will continue to ensure the right levers are in place to maximise the full potential of EV use in the Northern Territory.

Yours sincerely,

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