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Hi,

Not sure who to direct this to, but this seems the best email address.

I own a BMW i3 EV and totally think electric vehicles are the future of personal and public transport for NZ. It's absolutely transformed my life. At the moment, EVs are exempt from RUC, but I understand they are being reintroduced in 2021. Unfortunately, I've been reading some disturbing reports about the cost of RUC for EVs.

Obviously, I understand the need for us to pay RUC as we are road users and need to pay for road upgrades and transport infrastructure. However, if the RUC costs are too high, that coupled with the high initial outlay for an EV will completely deter people moving from ICE vehicles to EVs.

People who drive ICE cars pay tax at the petrol pump but I'm concerned that the government will not take into consideration that those of us who drive EVs also pay tax... on our electricity. Obviously, tax at the pump is easy to account for and direct those funds into transport, but it's not easy to take into account the tax I pay in electricity and redirect that to transport.

I just hope and pray that RUC for EVs really will be fairly considered prior to implementation next year. There are still far too few on our roads and the government needs to do far more to help adoption of the technology if they want to increase the percentage of EVs on our roads. The 'feebate' system is a start but I feel the lower emission ICE are still not penalised enough in the report. ALL ICE cars should have a fee attached, even the lower emission ones.

Kind regards

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