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To The Ministry of Transport,

Submission: Moving the light vehicle fleet to low-emissions»

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on this subject.

Great South (formerly Venture Southland) is the economic development agency for Southland and strives for better lives through sustainable development. For years the agency has lead the development of low emission, efficient and sustainable businesses in Southland and beyond.

Our Wood Energy South project was the Deloitte Energy Excellence Large Energy User Award winner in 2017. This project has supported a range of businesses, schools and institutions to convert their coals boilers to biomass boilers. Our Dairy Lean programme has supported a range of businesses to reduce their carbon footprint and increase their efficiency. Similarly the lean programme has supported businesses reducing their businesses waste and increasing their efficiency.

Southland is leading the regional change for New Zealand with its Carbon Neutral Advantage programme, supporting regions throughout New Zealand transitioning to a low emission economy and environment.

Great South supports the Ministry of Transports policy to move the light vehicle fleet to a low-emissions fleet.

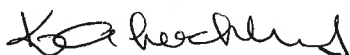
In particular Great South support's the following two policies outlined in the discussion paper:

- 1.) The Clean Car Standard policy which would require vehicle importers to bring in progressively more fuel efficient electric vehicles.
- 2.) The Clean Car Discount policy which would make fuel efficient and electric vehicles more affordable for New Zealanders to buy, potentially by a discount of up to \$8,000 for new vehicles and \$2,600 for used vehicles

Finally, we would also like to make the comment that regional land transport plans throughout New Zealand need to prioritise the roll out of charging stations in urban and regional areas with priority being placed on major touring routes and State Highways.

Should you require any future information concerning this submission we would welcome the opportunity to present.

Yours faithfully,



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