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To Whom it May Concern

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT DISCUSSION PAPER
“MOVING THE LIGHT VEHICLE FLEET TO LOW EMISSIONS: DISCUSSION PAPER ON
A CLEAN CAR STANDARD AND CLEAN CAR DISCOUNT”**

As Mayor of Lower Hutt I am writing to support both the Clean Car Standard and the Clean Car Discount as proposed by the Ministry of Transport.

Councils and communities around New Zealand are starting to work together to assess and deal with the forecast effects of climate change. This is an important conversation for our community as climate change will impact the way we live, work and play in Lower Hutt.

In December 2018 our council set an organisational target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050. In June 2019 council declared a climate emergency and agreed that all decision-making by council will take into consideration impacts on climate change including the need to achieve emission reductions.

With transport emissions contributing a significant proportion of council's emissions profile, a key part of our transition to a zero net carbon organisation directly involves the council's vehicle fleet (and also those used by our service providers in a number of areas).

Recognising this, the council has recently conducted a fleet review, the centre-piece of which was the consideration of issues to be addressed in order to transition to a zero emissions fleet as quickly as is practicable. As the proposal would see the price of electric vehicles discounted, implementation of this measure would materially support the achievement of this important objective.

In addition, at the wider community level, the council is developing plans that will inform our work with a wide range of stakeholders that make up Lower Hutt. With mobile emissions from transport responsible for nearly fifty percent of the city's emissions, actions taken to increase the uptake of electric vehicles across the city will play an important part in the achievement of a zero carbon Lower Hutt.

This letter serves to record our support for the Clean Car Standard and the Clean Car Discount initiatives.

Yours faithfully

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Mayor - Lower Hutt

