

Submission Transport Ministry “Clean car discount”

I am in opposition to the clean car discount proposed in the discussion paper for the following reasons.

The clean car discount is in essence a tax on farmers, rural people, tradies and light commercial operators. At present there are no realistic options or alternatives available to these people, so taxing them when they do not have a choice due to the demands and requirements of their vehicles is little more than robbing Peter to pay Paul.

As a farmer there is no electric vehicle alternatives available suitable for the terrain and work load and pay load I am required to carry as a result of my farming duties.

Many people require a vehicle that is suitable for carrying heavy loads either on the deck or on a trailer suitable for off road, uneven terrain, mud, snow or sand, can tow such things as horse floats, boats, tools, materials and equipment. There is not an electric vehicle on the market in New Zealand available to the public at present that is able to for full these requirements.

I have a concern that this tax on new vehicles, in particular, utes, will mean that people will hold on to their older vehicles longer instead of up-dating to the latest more fuel efficient vehicles.

Presently there is not the infrastructure to charge electric vehicles in many rural communities and the range that is available in current electric vehicles is insufficient to ensure that the vehicle would make it to its next destination for a charge. Electric vehicles are not a realistic option for many rural communities.

This clean car discount shows how out of touch this government is with ordinary people in rural New Zealand. This proposal is nothing more than a tax on the rural community.

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