

## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### **Australian Hydrogen Council welcomes Australia's First National EV Strategy**

**Melbourne, Australia:** The Australian Hydrogen Council has today welcomed Australia's first National Electric Vehicle Strategy released by the Albanese Government.

Please attribute the following statements to Dr Fiona Simon, CEO of the Australian Hydrogen Council.

"The Australian Hydrogen Council welcomes the Federal Government's National Electric Vehicle Strategy, in particular the commitment to introduce a Fuel Efficiency Standard by the end of the year.

"Fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEVs) will work alongside battery electric vehicles (BEVs) to provide the Australian market with decarbonised mobility options to suit their individual cases – including vehicle size, distance travelled, time of day use, payload and location.

"One of the key barriers to hydrogen use in transport has been insufficient market demand to draw through supply and we have previously recommended the government develop fuel efficiency standards for all vehicle types to remedy this.

"Policy settings that will create demand for zero emissions vehicles will need to value the public benefit of clean hydrogen and electric vehicles relative to incumbent fuels. This will give certainty to global vehicle manufacturers and investors to improve their business cases for sending vehicles to Australia.

"The National Electric Vehicle Strategy is a move in the right direction and we will be working closely with the government as it designs a fuel efficiency standards to ensure the benefits of hydrogen FCEVs are realised."

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#### **About Australian Hydrogen Council**

The Australian Hydrogen Council is the peak representative body for the Australian hydrogen industry, with members from across the hydrogen value chain. We represent the emerging hydrogen industry and connect it with its stakeholders to collectively create a clean and resilient energy future that has hydrogen as a key part of the energy mix.