Submission No 3

# Infrastructure for electric and alternative energy source vehicles in **NSW**

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# **Submission to Parliamentary Inquiry – Re: Electric Vehicles and "Green" Energy Policy**

#### To the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit evidence and commentary on the subject of electric vehicles (EVs), green energy initiatives, and the environmental policies currently being pursued across Australia.

As a concerned Australian citizen, I write this submission to raise urgent questions about the legitimacy, sustainability, and hidden consequences of the national push toward electrification and so-called renewable energy. While environmental responsibility is a worthy goal, the policies being implemented are **misguided**, **deceptive**, and increasingly **coercive** — serving political and corporate interests more than environmental ones.

# 4 1. Electric Vehicles Are Not "Green"

Electric vehicles are widely promoted as "zero emission" alternatives to combustion engine vehicles. However, this claim ignores the full **lifecycle impact** of EV production, operation, and disposal:

- Battery Mining Destroys Ecosystems: Lithium, cobalt, and nickel mining is environmentally catastrophic and often exploits child labor (e.g., Congo).
- Coal-Powered Transport: In Australia, most EVs are powered by an energy grid still dominated by coal and gas. There is no environmental benefit in simply shifting emissions from tailpipe to power station.
- Toxic Waste and Short Lifespan: EV batteries have limited life cycles and are extremely difficult to recycle. We are creating the next wave of hazardous waste with no scalable solution in sight.

Conclusion: EVs are not environmentally clean — they are resource-intensive, unsustainable, and part of a broader political agenda to re-engineer society under the guise of climate action.

### 间 2. Renewables Are Not Reliable or Sufficient

The obsession with solar and wind power has created an illusion of progress. In reality:

- **Intermittent Output**: Solar and wind depend entirely on weather. Without massive battery storage (which doesn't exist at national scale), they cannot support baseline industrial or residential power loads.
- **Backup by Fossil Fuels**: Gas and diesel generators remain essential to stabilize the grid. What we're witnessing is not replacement it's duplication at great expense.
- Environmental Damage: Solar panels and wind turbines rely on rare earth elements, are manufactured in heavily polluting conditions (often in China), and generate significant end-of-life waste.

**Conclusion:** "Green" energy is neither green nor capable of sustaining national infrastructure without enormous and ongoing fossil fuel support.

# 3. The Hidden Agenda: Control, Not Conservation

Australia's transition to EVs and renewables is not about sustainability — it is about **centralized control** of mobility, energy access, and consumption.

- **Digital Surveillance & Geo-Fencing**: EVs are built with remote software access, location tracking, and future potential for **geo-restricted usage**, **mandatory updates**, and even **remote disabling**.
- Smart Meters and Energy Quotas: Renewable energy plans are leading toward rationed usage, enforced through "smart" meters and AI-managed grid systems.
- Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) and carbon credits are already being trialed globally, linking movement, energy, and purchasing power into programmable restrictions.

Conclusion: This is not climate policy. It is social engineering — moving Australians from **private** autonomy to monitored dependence.

### **\( \)** 4. Policy Based on Fear, Not Fact

The current "Net Zero" policies are driven by alarmist narratives that exaggerate scientific consensus and suppress open debate. Key points:

- There is **no proven climate emergency**, only projections based on politicized models.
- The **IPCC's own data** shows extreme weather events have not increased in frequency or severity over the last century.
- Scientific dissent has been aggressively silenced, violating free inquiry and undermining public trust.

**Conclusion:** Environmental science is being replaced with **climate ideology**, and dissent is being rebranded as "denial."

### **⑤** 5. Australians Deserve Energy Freedom and Honest Debate

We do not consent to:

- Having our travel restricted by EV mandates.
- Having our energy access rationed by green technocrats.
- Being forced to participate in unsustainable programs that **enrich corporations and foreign interests** at our expense.

Australia must return to evidence-based policy, technological plurality, and voluntary adoption — not coercion disguised as consensus.

## Final Recommendation

I urge this committee to:

- 1. Suspend further mandates related to electric vehicles and renewable-only targets.
- 2. Conduct a full environmental, economic, and ethical audit of EV and battery supply chains.
- 3. Protect Australians' rights to use the vehicles, fuels, and energy sources that serve their needs without state interference.
- 4. Reject digital ID, carbon credit, and CBDC integrations into climate policy.

#### Respectfully submitted,

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