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NVES on track to bring us more electric vehicles

The Australian Electric Vehicle Association (AEVA) welcomes the 2025 NVES results showing that 40 out of 59 regulated entities met or exceeded their targets, indicating conclusively that the New Vehicle Efficiency Standard (NVES) is working well. Consumers are the winners as importers are bringing in less polluting vehicles with lower fuel consumption, resulting in lower running costs.

“Although zero emissions vehicles are now offered by 68% of these entities, many still sell far more fuel vehicles and have achieved the target largely by offering more fuel-efficient vehicles.” said Mr James Pickering, President, AEVA.

“Further, the number of entities selling only BEV or hybrid vehicles has increased dramatically since the NVES commenced, offering wide consumer choice and delivering real cost savings for their transport energy bills, particularly when charging their EV’s on Australia’s renewable energy. This is good for consumers.” observed Mr Pickering.

Compliance with the NVES has not driven up prices, reinforced by the fact that car prices in the European Union have not skyrocketed despite far stricter compliance targets. The EU targets in 2026 are 27% lower than Australia’s for passenger vehicles and 20% lower for light commercial vehicles. This difference continues out to 2029. Stricter pollution measures may in part explain why BEV uptake in the EU is double that in Australia.

While most high-volume entities have made an encouraging start, several which failed to meet the targets also had models that performed poorly in real world fuel consumption tests run by the AAA in 2025.

A high-volume hybrid strategy is the likely cause for Toyota generating more NVES credit points than Tesla under Australian testing protocols. The situation may be different under EU protocols which include a significant RDE (Real Driving Emissions) test. AEVA cautions that the EU results should be monitored to ensure that hybrid vehicles result in the desired real-world reduction in carbon-dioxide emissions.

The NVES is working as planned, although the first year could be considered a rehearsal as entities get organised to participate in the system. Entities have very clear options to either bring in more efficient fuel vehicles in line with the EU or preferably to take active measures to increase their EV sales.

AEVA looks forward to the planned NVES review in late 2026, and to seeing what the NVES data tells us in February 2027.

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About AEVA

The Australian Electric Vehicle Association (AEVA) LTD is a volunteer-run, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the cause of switching Australia's transport networks to electric drive as quickly as possible. Formed after the oil price shocks of 1973, the AEVA is the longest continuously running EV society in the world.

We represent all EV users and enthusiasts, current and prospective.

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