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Vehicle Fuel Efficiency Secretariat
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Renewables and Energy Efficiency Division
Energy Futures Branch
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Dear Sir/Madam

BCC submission on the Vehicle Fuel Efficiency Public Discussion Paper

Brisbane City Council has reviewed the Fuel Efficiency Public Discussion Paper. Although Council supports the principle behind the vehicle fuel efficiency paper we believe that encouraging energy efficient technologies onto the Australian market would have a far bigger impact on reducing emissions from vehicles than purely increasing fuel efficiency. Council disagrees with the Working Groups decision not to consider examining new technologies such as fully electric vehicles and hybrid vehicles because they consider them to be medium-long term solutions. Council believes that these technologies are readily available now within other countries and that the Government should be encouraging their growth in the Australian vehicle market.

Related to the above point, Council also believes that there should be additional support for manufacturers who offer the full range of vehicle technologies. This would encourage manufacturers to introduce their own brand of hybrid/electric vehicle and therefore offer more options for the purchaser thus lowering the outlay cost of such vehicles.

Please find attached Council's initial submission on the Vehicle Fuel Efficiency Paper.

Yours sincerely

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