

Excerpt

Draft - Initial cross-portfolio low emissions vehicle work programme for Ministers' discussion – 13 August 2018

Initiatives that will increase the availability of low emission vehicles					
Time	Initiative	Benefits of this initiative	Likely magnitude of costs and ease of implementation	Choices for Ministers	Minister and lead agency
<p>Now–Dec 2019</p> <p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> gaining initial Cabinet approval to proceed public consultation gaining final Cabinet approval securing the necessary legislative changes 	<p>Regulate an end date of 2035 to the import of fossil-fuelled vehicles</p> <p>Investigate regulating an end date that from 2035 all light vehicles imported to New Zealand must be able to be driven without fossil fuel. This would mean that from 2035 the vehicles entering the fleet would be pure EVs, plug-in electric hybrids, hydrogen fuel cell and vehicles capable of being driven purely on alternative fuels like biofuels.</p> <p>(Part of the first low emissions vehicles package)</p>	<p>Would send a strong signal about the long-term direction of change for the light vehicle fleet and discourage investment in fossil-fuel vehicles.</p> <p>Would improve awareness of low emission vehicles.</p> <p>Would mitigate the risk of New Zealand becoming a market for left-over fossil-fuel vehicles as major countries phase them out.</p> <p>Could enhance the credibility of New Zealand's mitigation efforts internationally.</p> <p>Successfully phasing out the import of fossil-fuel vehicles would make a substantial contribution to the 2050 goal of New Zealand being a net zero emissions economy.</p>	<p>Low cost to government to implement.</p> <p>Risk of significant costs through the economy if, in 2035, low emission vehicles remain higher in price and limited in variety compared to conventional vehicles. This could have a disproportionate impact on low-income households.</p>	<p>The key choice is whether to regulate an end date, or to have a non-binding target. The policy work is progressing with the assumption of a regulated end date.</p>	<p>Associate Transport MoT</p>

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