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Super-charging the Electric Vehicle market for a cleaner Australia sooner - Dr Monique Ryan Policy Statement

“Australia has the best supplies in the world of the critical minerals required for electric vehicle batteries. We should be leading the world on making and driving electric vehicles, but instead we are ranked last for electric vehicle uptake and government policy.”

With those words the Independent Candidate for Kooyong, Dr Monique Ryan, has launched her electric vehicle policy.

“In 2018 Josh Frydenberg penned a breathless opinion piece entitled ‘Stand by Australia, for the electric vehicle revolution is nigh’,” Dr Ryan said.

“Four years later, Australia is even further behind the world on electric vehicles and transport is the fastest growing source of emissions.”

“Australia is at the back of the queue for electric vehicles because Mr Frydenberg and his government are missing in action. Seven of the top ten electric vehicles in Europe are not available in Australia. That’s because this country is one of the only developed countries without vehicle efficiency standards, and the only country whose leaders mock electric vehicles instead of embracing their economic opportunities.

“This government has been in office for nine years. Eight years ago the Climate Change Authority recommended vehicle emissions standards. Six years ago Mr Frydenberg’s own department said emissions standards would save motorists over \$600 a year, but he has done nothing.

“He has been missing in action and now Australia is a dumping ground for old technology and motorists are stuck with the least efficient vehicles in the developed world. Only 1 in 1,000 cars in Australia is all electric. Less than 2% of new cars in Australia were electric last year. China and Europe are 7 times faster in their take up of EVs, at 15%.

“Kooyong drivers don’t need convincing about the benefits of transitioning to EVs. Interest in EVs is very high but people are telling me that the range of models available is too limited, the cars are too expensive, waiting lists are far too long, and the charging facilities too limited.

We can do better,” Dr Ryan concluded.

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