

Messages from the experts

Hear from three experts who share their perspectives on the **New Vehicle Efficiency Standard** and its benefits.



Nicki Hutley

Economist and environmental sustainability advocate

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- “The New Vehicle Efficiency Standard is an important and necessary step in moving Australia towards a sustainable future and it brings us up to speed with other countries.”
- “Overseas, drivers are already enjoying the fuel savings and the increased options available through better, more fuel-efficient technology. The New Vehicle Efficiency Standard will provide long-term benefits to all people in Australia, by protecting our environment and improving our air quality.”
- “An immediate benefit of making cars more efficient is that the average new car will consume less fuel to drive the same distance, lowering fuel bills and helping Aussies tackle cost of living pressures. It's a no brainer, really.”

Dr Kar Mei Tang

Economist

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- “Starting in 2025, the New Vehicle Efficiency Standard will provide people in Australia with more choices for fuel-efficient cars, including petrol, diesel, electric, and hybrids. This will reduce harmful emissions and offer significant fuel cost savings for new car buyers. Currently, new passenger cars in Australia use 20% more fuel than those in the US. Imagine saving 20% on your fuel costs simply by choosing a more fuel-efficient car.”
- “Over 85% of cars sold worldwide already meet similar standards. Australia and Russia are among the few developed nations without such a standard. Consequently, the 1.1 million new cars sold in Australia in 2023 did not have to meet any fuel efficiency criteria. Meanwhile, other countries benefit from a wider selection of cheaper-to-run, more environmentally-friendly vehicles.”
- “In 2023, our cars produced more greenhouse gas emissions than any other form of transport. Cleaner, more cost-effective transport is crucial for our economic transition to net zero. And the New Vehicle Efficiency Standard is an essential step to achieving this goal.”

Charlie Brown

Technology media commentator

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- “Cars are just like any other piece of tech, they are constantly evolving and improving. With the introduction of the New Vehicle Efficiency Standard, Aussies will finally have access to more up to date cars with fuel-saving technology. This will mean we are in line with the majority of new cars sold around the world with access to fuel-efficient cars and that means more choices for drivers in Australia.”
- “New tech means better fuel efficiency and that means we can drive further using less petrol.”
- “The New Vehicle Efficiency Standard simply means we'll continue to have access to the cars we all love like utes, SUVs and 4WDs but from 2025, manufacturers will be more likely to supply new and better fuel-efficient cars.”

