



Australian Government

FAQ



Caring for Country using the New Vehicle Efficiency Standard

Caring for Country and preserving Country for future generations means we need to think about practical steps we can take to reduce the impact of our modern lives on the environment.

Our car and transport choices can impact Land and Sea Country. There are measures we can put in place to minimise this now and into the future. This is where the New Vehicle Efficiency Standard comes in.

Starting in 2025, the New Vehicle Efficiency Standard will apply to new cars being sold in Australia.

What is changing

The **New Vehicle Efficiency Standard** encourages suppliers to import more fuel-efficient vehicles, whether they are diesel, hybrid, electric or petrol. Car manufacturers will have a set average target of vehicle emissions to meet each year. Suppliers can still sell any vehicle type they choose but they'll need to sell more fuel-efficient models to offset any less efficient models they sell.

This affects new cars only; you don't have to buy a new car

The **New Vehicle Efficiency Standard** will only apply to new vehicles. You will not have to modify or change your existing car. It means greater choice of more fuel-efficient vehicles when you do go to buy a new car, and overtime, more choice in second hand vehicles.

This will benefit metro and regional mob

Overtime, the **New Vehicle Efficiency Standard** will deliver savings to mob who use more fuel, when using more fuel-efficient cars. Typically, people living in regional areas drive further than those in the metropolitan areas and tend to buy more fuel as a result.

Average new car buyers in regional and remote areas travel longer distances and will have higher fuel savings than buyers in major cities. The **New Vehicle Efficiency Standard** will help reduce fuel consumption per kilometre, be better for the environment and help Australia reach 'net zero' emissions.

You'll still be able to buy a ute or 4WD that can tow your trailer and boat

The **New Vehicle Efficiency Standard** allows suppliers to choose how they meet the emissions reduction target. In other countries with a **New Vehicle Efficiency Standard**, 4WDs and utes are still widely available.

Most importantly, more fuel-efficient cars will help us reduce transport emissions and improve the air we breathe.

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