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Greens leadership pays dividends

Greens MLA Deb Foskey welcomed an ACT Government Bill introduced today which will provide for lower duties on low emission cars. It is an initiative proposed by the Greens three years ago, but rejected at the time by the ACT Labor Government.

“The Labor Government should just accept that Canberra would be a more progressive positive city if it was prepared to accept some guidance from the Greens” Dr Foskey said today.

“If this Government had approached our policy initiatives with an open mind I believe Canberra could be leading Australia in the shift towards a low carbon economy.”

“The Chief Minister’s recent enthusiasm for light rail, and his Government’s slow move towards making public housing energy efficient and its eventual adoption of the United Nations Charter for Responsible Investment are just three indicators that show where the Greens lead the Government follows... eventually.”

“I trust the Government will now look at taking the same approach with new car registration as it is now taking with stamp duty; that it will pick up on Andrew Blakers’ solarisation proposal and roll out a low energy retrofit for all of Canberra’s existing buildings; and make concrete plans for an integrated transport system that will let more people leave their cars at home.”

“These are all urgent initiatives. After the next election I trust that a strong Greens crossbench will make the Government act faster” Dr Foskey said.

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