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## **Low emission slow admission**

The ACT Government's Duties Amendment Bill 2008 (No 2) to be debated in the Assembly today is no surprise to ACT Greens MLA Deb Foskey.

"I note that today we will be debating stamp duty concessions for low emission cars. A Greens initiative that was rejected by the Stanhope Government in 2006" Dr Foskey said today.

"At the time I suggested that this Government might reintroduce the idea and claim it as its own just before the next election."

"I was right."

"I'm just a bit disappointed that cheaper registration costs for low emission new cars was not included in the plan, despite even Prime Minister Rudd signalling his support."

"Well perhaps we need more elections so that the Labor Party starts to make progress on facing up to climate change, and shows it is prepared to follow good advice, wherever it comes from."

"A couple of other Greens initiatives that the Government might now - with an election impending - put into place would be a green waste scheme and recycling in Civic."

"On a broader front, perhaps the ACT Government will also finally

- Commit to assessing all its policies in terms of Climate Change,
- Set up an Energy Commission (just like it set up a Skills Commission) to plan for less rather than more fossil fuel use, and
- turn transport policy around so that it is weighted favour of public transport over roads."

"There is a lot to be done in terms of lightening our footprint on this planet, and the ACT could easily be leading Australia rather than dragging its heels" Dr Foskey said.

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