

Submission to Ministry of Transport re
PROPOSED PROMOTION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES
by means of Clean Car Standard and Clean Car Discount policies

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Please note : If any hearings are to be held now or at any time in the future, I would like to be heard. Otherwise, I am in Wellington from time to time and would be willing to meet with any person responsible for such policies that MoT cares to name for me, or any MoT person wishing to discuss any matter with me whether “on the record” or “off” it.

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Introduction : If the submitter wanted to “take out” western civilisation, he would attack and cripple its energy systems, particularly those pertaining to the efficient market inter-accessibility for goods, services and people moving around to better their lives. Whether or not one subscribes to the concept of an evil intent manifest as vested interests behind the climate change belief and propaganda systems and their consequences such as the proposed policies (as the submitter does), it can hardly be denied that the policies, if implemented as proposed, far from the source of new jobs and wealth promised by advocates, will have major negative consequences for our economy thus society, which are already on a knife-edge of viability with interest rates continuing to decline.

No amount of finger-pointing at overseas causes of economic collapse will conceal the reality that our overseas trading partners are similarly worse than “broke” (ie average personal debt greatly in excess of a “prudent” 20% of annual income, especially when NZ’s 164% is increased to over 200% to include for a share of government debt). And they are effectively “broke” for the same reason as us – they have swallowed the “CO2 is evil because it causes climate change” alarm

Indeed, the global extent of such policies as proposed, and the global mega-money and organisation promoting them (as evident not least in the recent coordinated rash of school-children marching on many western-world governments, obviously stimulated by alarmist indoctrination via unequivocal school curriculums) should automatically raise alarm bells in all but the most naïve group-thinking collectivist happy to abandon critical thinking and join the nearest bandwagon, thus to act on received wisdom. Others with better (more critical) educations would know full well that the whole issue has become so politicised and removed from a purely scientific basis that the usual scientific reservation of opinion is universally over-ridden by an absolutist “this is the way it is; any alternative perception will ensure your labelling as a denier, thus destroying your source of income and future career”. Very effective as a tool of propaganda, but by no means any science-based assurance that the Toxic CO2 -> global over-heating nexus is anything but a convenient basis for alarm giving rise to stampeded legislation. Such as that proposed.

As H L Mencken said : *“The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed and hence clamorous to be led to safety by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary”*

(Incidentally, the hobgoblin “Global warming” was re-labelled “climate change” when satellite measurements made it obvious that the planet was no longer warming out of the 100yr “Maunder Minimum” centred on 1680 when (paintings confirm written records that) the River Thames and

Dutch Canals so regularly and reliably froze over that carnivals and markets were regularly held on the ice throughout the winter. Even today, there are (reputedly) more deaths from cold than from heat, but students of sun-spot cycles consider that the recent 20yr hiatus in warming heralds an oncoming ice age – as “100% of climate scientists” foretold as recently as 1968 (Time magazine cover). Hopefully, any such will just be another ‘mini’ ice age similar to the Maunder Minimum, although the Mediaeval warm period when grapes grew in Scotland would suggest otherwise. (Geologically-sourced diagrams show climate has always been changing either up or down, with current temperatures and change rates well within global norms. Also

Foolish centralisation of energy supply :

Dependence on electricity supply makes a nation subject to being “taken down” by EMP (Electro-Magnetic pulse) whether sourced in a solar flare (such as took out the whole of north-east America last in 1860 (?)), or sourced from a hostile power as an act of war far worse than terrorism, rendering a vast area totally de-powered effectively permanently.

EV's are by no means energy-efficient compare with ICEs :

(see eg Swedish meta-study on battery construction energy with referring articles as attached)

Who will pay for the strengthening of local wiring and transmission lines, quite apart from the increase in electricity generation required (estimates range from 10% to 25%) if not the buyers of EVs? After all, ICE users pay for refining, transporting, and local storage and distribution of carbon fuels.

Who will pay road user charges currently levied on carbon fuels?

Global carbon fuel suppliers are not about to walk away from multi-billion dollar investments

Carbon fuels are universal and could continue supplying mankind for thousands of years at least, if a more efficient, more environmentally-friendly source of energy is not found in the meantime.

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