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CC: Tom Campbell, Chair of the EECA Board

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Dear Andrew

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority's Low Emission Vehicles Contestable Fund criteria

I write to request a review of the funding criteria for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority's Low Emission Vehicle Contestable Fund criteria. Specifically, I wish to support the widening of the scope of the fund to include maritime vehicles performing a public transport function. I understand Maritime vehicles, and therefore public transport ferries, are explicitly noted as being outside the scope of the fund.

In recent times, Auckland Council's Planning Committee, which I chair, has become aware of these limiting criteria due to representation from companies undertaking research and development into electric ferries for Auckland. It seems that this kind of work would be a perfect fit for the objectives of the Low Emission Vehicles Contestable Fund, if not for the current maritime vehicle exclusion.

On this basis I support a review of the criteria to include, **Maritime vehicles - performing a public transport function**.

I have been advised anecdotally that electrifying 25 ferries for the Auckland-wide fleet would be roughly equivalent to doubling the nation's electric vehicle fleet in terms of the net emission benefits. This potential scale of opportunity to positively influence the amount of emissions from passenger ferries in Auckland is immense especially where the public transport uptake here is only set to increase over the next 30 years. Auckland is committed to Deadline 2020, through which temperature increases must be held to a rise of no more than 1.5° Celsius to avert catastrophic climate change.

I commend the concept of electric ferries to you as an avenue worth exploring in an attempt to help avert this catastrophe and ask that you consider including, **Maritime vehicles performing a public transport function**, in the context of the Low Emission Vehicles Contestable Fund.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Darby'. The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract, with a large, sweeping stroke at the end.

Cr Chris Darby

Chair
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