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Q1 What kinds of engagement have you or your organisation had with EECA?

Efficient and low-emissions transport

Q2 Which of the three levies do you pay?

Petroleum or Engine Fuel Monitoring (PEFM) Levy

Q3 EECA's proposed levy-funded work programme in 2019/20 will request funding from the three energy levies set out in question 2. Do you support EECA's levy proposal for \$13.8 million in 2019/20?

Yes

Q4 Do you support the proportions EECA has requested across the three energy levies?

The AA supports the \$7.5m for low-emissions vehicles, we have no comment on the other levies.

Q5 Which of EECA's 2019/20 levy-funded activities is of most interest to you?

Electric vehicles (EV) Information Campaign

Q6 Do you support the mix of levy-funded activities listed above?

The AA supports both the low-emission vehicles contestable fund and the EV information campaign, and if anything we'd support more funding for the information campaign to broaden awareness of and interest in EVs.

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Q7 Are there any new activities or specific sectors you think EECA should invest more or less levy funding in for 2019/20, and in the future?

The AA believes there is merit in investigating opportunities to grow the uptake of biofuels. Whilst the present focus is on EVs or plug-in hybrids, reducing NZ's greenhouse gas emissions from these vehicles can only be achieved by growing the fleet of EVs. But there is also an opportunity to reduce emissions from the existing fleet, from initiatives to reduce fuel use, or through substituting fossil fuel with biofuels. ICE vehicles will remain in the fleet for many years to come so EVs won't offer the sole solution to reducing emissions from transport and increasing the uptake of biofuels should be part of the mix, which is within EECAs mandate, but which is currently not funded from the PEFM levy.

As noted above, the AA also thinks there is scope to invest more in EV public awareness campaigns.

Q8 Do you agree that EECA's levy-funded activities result in benefits for New Zealand businesses and consumers in the following areas? Tick as many as apply.

Reducing engine fuel consumption (e.g. petrol and diesel)

Improving energy

productivity

Improving electricity

efficiency

Improving gas

efficiency

Encouraging, promoting, and supporting energy efficiency, energy conservation, and the use of renewable sources of energy

Q9 Would you like to provide any other comments on EECA's 2019/20 levy proposal and activities?

The AA supports the overall objective to levy energy sources to enable the funding of a wider range of activities to promote energy efficiency, energy conservation, or encourage the use of renewable energy.

The AA supports the current level of funding from the PEFM levy remaining unchanged at 0.1 cents per litre to support EECA activities for low emission vehicles, but as noted above some of this funding could be reprioritised in future.

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