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Dear Ms Chapman

Vickie

Thank you for your correspondence dated 16 April 2020 to the Minister for Environment and Water, the Hon David Speirs MP, on behalf of your constituent, Dr John Crowhurst, regarding electric vehicles. As this matter falls within my responsibilities as Minister for Energy and Mining, your correspondence has been forwarded to me for consideration.

With world class renewable resources and leadership in renewable energy, energy storage, virtual power plants and green hydrogen production, South Australia is uniquely placed to benefit from the uptake of electric vehicles.

To capitalise on this the South Australian Government is developing an Electric Vehicle Action Plan. The action plan will ensure the increasing adoption of electric vehicles helps to deliver an energy system that is more affordable, reliable and cleaner. Other significant benefits will include reduced transport emissions, less noise and air pollution, lower transportation costs, industry development and new job opportunities.

The considerable breadth of work under consideration in developing the action plan is captured within the report of targeted industry consultation, completed by the South Australian Government in late 2019.

Should Dr Crowhurst be interested in finding out more about the key items under consideration, the consultation summary report is available online at www.energymining.sa.gov.au/ev_strategy. In particular, I encourage Dr Crowhurst to refer to Chapter 9, 'Theme 6: Supporting Policy and Regulation', as it aligns with his enquiries about incentives.

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I have forwarded a copy of Dr Crowhurst's correspondence to the Clean Energy Transition division within the Department for Energy and Mining, who are leading the development of the action plan. It is anticipated the action plan will be released later this year. If Dr Crowhurst would like to receive updates and be notified when the plan is launched, he can email electricvehicles@sa.gov.au and register his contact details.

In the meantime, the South Australian Government will continue to lead the transition to clean energy in Australia through key programs including the \$100 million Home Battery Scheme, \$50 million Grid Scale Storage Fund, South Australia's Virtual Power Plant and South Australia's Hydrogen Action Plan. Further information about these programs is available at www.energymining.sa.gov.au by selecting the 'Clean Energy Transition' link.

Thank you again for your correspondence and I trust this information will assist you in responding to Dr Crowhurst.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dan van Holst'.

Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP
MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINING

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