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Re: Electric vehicles and car share traffic resolutions

This submission is from the Architectural Centre, an incorporated society dating from 1946, which represents both professionals and non-professionals interested in the promotion of good design.

We have the following comments to make regarding the proposed electric vehicles and car share traffic resolutions:

1. We strongly support the stated aims to:
 - (a) "reduce the city's greenhouse emissions by shifting to non-fossil fuels and encouraging people to use fewer cars," and
 - (b) "improve the transport mix, and support and increase transport choices for residents that are sustainable and positive for the climate."
2. We support making parking bays available to car sharing providers in Wellington, and to support electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure providers.
3. We caution that electric vehicles will not address important issues such as congestion and embodied energy. We consider reducing car ownership and reducing single-occupant cars as important to directly address.
4. We encourage greater priority be given to car sharing (which, if done well, will potentially reduce car ownership) over support for electric vehicles. Of course, strongly encouraging electric, car share vehicle infrastructure is our preference for Council policy.
5. We encourage the Council to comprehensively plan for and create a continuous zone of inner-city streets for electric car sharing infrastructure (parking and charging), designed in conjunction with the needs of other sustainable modes (namely pedestrian, cycling and PT (including provision for an inner-city light rail or a heritage tram route)). Ad hoc transport decisions are poor planning, and will not enable the significant changes needed to meet the stated objectives.
6. The success of inner city zoning of car sharing parks may be dependent on the parallel location of car sharing depots in the suburbs and we encourage the Council to conduct a survey to identify suburbs most likely to take up car sharing initiatives and convert some car parks in those suburbs into car sharing parks.



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7. We also note that Britain and France are anticipating bans on diesel and petrol cars and vans by 2040. Wellington should take the lead in New Zealand announcing support for a similar ban here.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposed electric vehicles and car share traffic resolutions. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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