

Sir Rom Mailliw



Back in Nov-Dec 2021, I wrote a piece on electric cars, not all of it in support of them [read: 'bugger all in support', Ed], mainly because most of our electricity in Oz is produced from fossil fuels, and the lack of recharging infrastructure outside the major cities.

I didn't go to Adelaide for the National Rally - but imagine driving there (via Echuca) and back via Broken Hill, or the Great Ocean Road, or via Mt Gambier, or worse via Hay, in an electric car? Hahahahaha. EVs: great in the congested inner city IF you have solar panels and a large battery to recharge the car overnight - otherwise you're burning coal.

Wheels magazine, that doyen of Australian motoring journalism, lists in its latest edition (Aug 2023) Tesla Model Y as the nation's second best selling vehicle in June this year, and it only costs \$69,000 for the el-cheapo version or \$98k for the 'Performance' one, with only those 2 to choose from - someone has a lot more money to splash on a new car than me! Great, except that most of the rest of the top 20 are either fuel sucking dual-cab utes or large SUVs, with just 2 'normal' sedans in the top 20, and no other EVs.

The cheapest fully electric car in Australia? Thanks for asking - it's a BYD ('Build Your Dreams' lol), a smallish vehicle costing \$45,000. As Dirty Harry said in 1976: "That's a hell of a price to pay for being stylish." And good luck with resale! There's a LOT of excellent machinery available for a lot less \$\$\$\$. I'd have a 2.0lit MX5 for those Sunday morning blasts, or a 6-speed Swift Sport for the city, or any number of 2-to-3 year old European cars - but that's just me.

One day, in the dim dark distant future, when renewables are in the majority and coal has gone, EVs are cheap to buy, charging stations are everywhere, and recharging doesn't take hours, I might consider an EV. Until then...

Cheers,
Sir Rom

TESLA CRASH



IRONY

Irony is a Toyota Prius being recharged with a Honda portable generator.

And you thought smoking at a petrol pump was dangerous...



What some people think "charging" a car is...



What I think "charging" a car is.....



THERE SHOULD BE A LAW THAT ELECTRIC CARS CAN ONLY BE CHARGED BY WIND OR SOLAR POWER. IF YOU'RE GIVING UP FOSSIL FUEL, THEN GIVE IT UP.



Batteries do not make electricity – they store electricity produced elsewhere, primarily by coal, uranium, natural gas-powered plants, or diesel-fueled generators.

So, to say an EV is a zero-emission vehicle is not at all valid.

