



## THE GOVERNMENT OF NORFOLK ISLAND

### MEDIA RELEASE

## Tariff reductions for all-electric vehicles

Norfolk Island Minister for Finance Neville Christian has announced another Norfolk Island Government concession to encourage green energy usage and to reduce the Island's carbon footprint.

Mr Christian said that the Norfolk Island Government had decided to rebate 50% of the Customs Duty or Goods and Services Tax on fully imported all-electric motor vehicles. This concession will apply to all vehicles registered for use on public roads, which are powered entirely by solar rechargeable electric batteries.

The rebates will work in a similar manner to those which applied to photovoltaic electricity generation equipment. Purchasers will be required to pay the full amount of Customs Duty if importing direct or of GST if they purchase an electric vehicle from a supplier in Norfolk Island. Once the vehicle is registered for use on-road and relevant paperwork is completed, the owner can apply to the Administration for a 50% rebate on the duty or GST, which will be made by *ex gratia* payment.

The Minister acknowledged the efforts of a small number of importers who had enthusiastically embraced the clean, green electric vehicle concept, and said that the duty reduction was the Government's contribution toward making such technology available to all in Norfolk Island at an affordable price.

Mr Christian said that he had given instructions for the new arrangements to come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010.

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**Minister for Finance**

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