

# Australian EV Incentives

## Cheat Sheet 2026

Every government EV incentive in Australia — verified as at May 2026

■ ■ **Key Insight:** For most Australians, the federal FBT exemption via a novated lease is now the ONLY remaining major financial incentive for EV buyers. State cash rebates have largely been phased out across every state except the ACT and NT. If you're an employee with salary packaging, a novated lease is almost certainly the smartest way to buy your next EV.

### FEDERAL — Applies to All Australians

The FBT exemption is the most valuable EV incentive available — regardless of which state you live in. Accessible only via a novated lease or employer car arrangement.

Incentive	Details	Status
FBT Exemption (Novated Lease)	Zero fringe benefits tax on eligible BEVs via a novated lease or company car arrangement. Typical savings ~\$5,000-\$15,000+ depending on income, lease structure, and vehicle price.	<b>ACTIVE</b>
Vehicle Eligibility	Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles qualify. PHEVs are EXCLUDED from 1 April 2025 for any new arrangement. PHEVs entered before that date may continue under grandfathering rules.	<b>BEV = YES PHEV = NO</b>
Price Cap (LCT)	Vehicle must be priced below \$91,387 GST-inclusive at first retail sale. Applies for 2025-26 and 2026-27. If LCT was ever payable on the car, it is permanently ineligible — even if its price later falls below the threshold.	<b>\$91,387 2025-26 &amp; 2026-27</b>
FBT Review	In December 2025, the government announced a formal review of the exemption. Submissions closed February 2026. Final report due mid-2027. The exemption is fully in force until any changes are legislated.	<b>UNDER REVIEW (Active now)</b>
LCT Threshold Advantage	EVs qualify as 'fuel-efficient' vehicles with a higher LCT threshold of \$91,387, vs \$80,567 for standard petrol/diesel vehicles — giving EV buyers \$10,820 more headroom before luxury car tax applies.	<b>ACTIVE</b>
Import Duty	0% customs duty generally applies to most passenger vehicles imported from Free Trade Agreement countries (China, Korea, Japan, USA, Thailand). Not an EV-specific concession — applies to all vehicles from those countries equally.	<b>ACTIVE</b>

**WARNING: There is no federal cash EV rebate. Any website claiming one is incorrect. The FBT exemption only applies via a novated lease or employer car arrangement — not when buying outright.**

### STATE BY STATE — Current Status May 2026

Most state cash rebate programs have now closed. Always verify with your state government before purchasing — these schemes change frequently.

State	What's Still Available	What's Closed / Notes
<b>ACT (Top incentives)</b>	Full stamp duty exemption — uncapped, any price EV 2 years free registration (~\$900 saving) Low-interest loans up to \$15,000 at 3% interest	Loans changed from 0% to 3% interest July 2025 Stack ACT benefits with federal FBT exemption for maximum saving
<b>NT (Strong)</b>	Free registration for BEVs and PHEVs until 30 June 2027 Stamp duty concession up to \$1,500 for EVs under \$50,000 (until June 2027) \$1,000 home charger grant until 30 June 2026 — act fast	\$3,000 purchase rebate CLOSED Jan 2024 Charger grant closes 30 June 2026 — no replacement announced
<b>SA (Limited)</b>	Reduced stamp duty rate for EVs — lower than standard vehicle rates (permanent) No registration concession	\$3,000 cash rebate CLOSED Jan 2024 Stamp duty exemption CLOSED — now reduced rate only
<b>WA (Limited)</b>	Reduced stamp duty rate for EVs — lower tiered rate vs ICE vehicles	\$3,500 ZEV rebate CLOSED May 2025 — funding exhausted 3-year registration exemption CLOSED to new applicants (June 2025)
<b>QLD (Minimal)</b>	Reduced stamp duty — concessional rate significantly lower than ICE vehicles (~1% effective for most EVs) Small registration discount	\$6,000/\$3,000 ZEV rebate CLOSED Sept 2024 — funding exhausted No replacement scheme announced
<b>NSW (Minimal)</b>	EV Fleet Incentive for businesses (check nsw.gov.au for current status) Emissions-based registration discount	\$3,000 cash rebate CLOSED Jan 2024 Stamp duty exemption CLOSED Jan 2024 No individual purchase incentives remain
<b>VIC (No incentives)</b>	No active EV purchase incentives	\$100 registration discount <b>SCRAPPED</b> Jan 2026 All rebates closed June 2023 NOTE: Previous road user charge for EVs was ruled unconstitutional by High Court in 2023 — <b>NO LONGER</b> in effect
<b>TAS (No incentives)</b>	No active EV purchase incentives	All rebates and stamp duty exemptions CLOSED Federal FBT exemption via novated lease is your only available saving

## Your Action Checklist

#	Action	Why It Matters
1	Talk to a novated lease provider <b>BEFORE</b> buying anything	The FBT exemption is only accessible via a novated lease. This one conversation can save you \$5,000-\$15,000+
2	Check your state's current scheme at the official government website	Schemes change frequently. What was available 6 months ago may be closed or exhausted
3	Confirm your EV's first retail sale price is under \$91,387	If LCT was ever payable on the vehicle it is permanently ineligible for the FBT exemption — no exceptions
4	<b>NT buyers — claim the \$1,000 home charger grant before 30 June 2026</b>	This closes 30 June 2026. No replacement has been announced

5	<b>Consider acting before mid-2027 FBT review reports</b>	The review may recommend changes. Cars already under novated lease are expected to be grandfathered
6	Use the EVClear Savings Calculator to model your exact savings	Free at <a href="https://evclear.com.au/calculator">evclear.com.au/calculator</a> — 133 models, all states, novated lease FBT savings included

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## Want to calculate your exact EV savings?

Use the free EVClear EV Savings Calculator — 133 models, all states, novated lease FBT savings included.

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Information verified May 2026 from ATO, state government websites, and Australian EV industry sources. Government incentives change frequently — always confirm current details with your state government or a qualified financial adviser before making purchasing decisions. This document does not constitute financial or legal advice.