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## Electric vehicles increase emissions

The Metropolitan Transport Forum (MTF), representing 18 Melbourne councils, warned against the Government's reliance on electric cars as a solution to reducing vehicle emissions.

Professor Ross Garnaut, addressing a recent MTF Forum on Transport for Sustainable Cities at the Sustainable Living Festival in Melbourne, said that an electric car in Victoria would generate about 60% more emissions than the equivalent petrol car if it drew its power from the average energy supplies to Victoria".

MTF Chair, Cr Fristacky said that without an alternative to using Victorian brown coal to recharge vehicle batteries, the shift to electric vehicles would substantially increase vehicle greenhouse gas emissions in Victoria.

'A shift to electric cars would not address road congestion nor support greater efficiency in land use,' she warned.

'Far greater efficiencies and greenhouse reductions can be achieved with better public transport and urban design which supports walking and cycling. Reducing the 50% of vehicle trips under 5 kms would also help,' said Cr Fristacky

NOTE: The pt4me2 *What moves you, what moves your vote?* E-survey has attracted nearly 2000 responses since being launched on Thursday. Visit [www.pt4me2.org.au](http://www.pt4me2.org.au) for more information and samples of responses to date.

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