Flicking the switch on Electric Trucks

Driving the path to net zero

In the freight supply chain

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WHY

Road freight emissions are rising strongly, not on track for net zero

HOW

Reducing emissions in freight requires electric trucks AND low carbon energy AND energy productivity

OTHER MARKETS ARE MANDATING ZERO EMISSION TRUCKS (ZET)

Cost parity & rapid uptake by 2030 → mandated targets in US, EU



Figure: Estimated sales share of ZETs based on regulatory proposals (ICCT 2023)

But our trucks, regulations & policies are different



ZETS ARE ESSENTIAL, BUT DON'T CONFUSE SALES & EMISSIONS

We need more than just ZETs

to decarbonize freight



Australian truck emissions scenarios



- Freight task growth will add emissions
- 'Natural' (unsupported) ZET adoption will be low to 2030
- Mandate would be needed to achieve Paris goal (too late!)
- Source of energy is critical

ZET TECHNOLOGY IS JUST THE CATALYST FOR CO₂ REDUCTION



Emissions break-even for different energy sources (Volvo Trucks 2022)



"In 2019, life-cycle emissions for electric trucks (both battery electric and hydrogen fuel cells) were higher than for diesel trucks." (UTS 2024)

\rightarrow So if you go electric, then also go renewable !

THERE ARE OTHER (CHEAPER, SIMPLER?) DECARB PATHS

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Emissions Reduction | Cost Premium

Max. Scope 1 emissions, under 'best case' scenario

Additional expenditure (capex + opex) vs Business-as-Usual operations

Hydrogen fuel cell	Hydrogen fuel cell
100% Renewable Diesel 50% RD	50% RD 100% RD
Battery electric truck	Battery electric truck
Eco-driving training	Eco-driving training
B20	B20
Hybrids	Hybrids
Improved backloading	Improved backloading
Last mile consolidation	Last mile consolidation
Route optimisation	Route optimisation
Aero kits	Aero kits
Tyre optimisation	Tyre optimisation
Idle shut-off	Idle shut-off
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FLEETS NEED HELP GETTING COMFY WITH UNCERTAINTY

ZETs bring many areas of uncertainty - need to address these barriers



What can freight customers & government do?

SEND A CLEAR SIGNAL

- Preferred purchasing
- Contract requirements
- Preferred access rights
- Co-develop targets / KPIs
- Financial incentives
- Co-fund trials and pilots
- □ Concessions / exemptions
- Value co-benefits

ADAPT/OPTIMISE TASKS

- □ Shorter hauls for BETs
- Route via charging
- Reduce trip urgency
- Build in dwell time
- Night deliveries
- Change depot layouts
- Be realistic about loads

ENERGY, ENERGY, ENERGY

- Provide charging/refuelling at origin/destination
- □ Specify renewables/green energy
- □ Shared-use recharging
- Group purchasing and PPA
- Use end-of-life batteries onsite
- Share data and learnings

QUESTIONS ?

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