



23 January 2026

The Honourable Brooke van Velden

Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety

Parliament Buildings

Wellington

Dear Minister van Velden,

Re: Appreciation for Amendments to the WorkSafe Energy Safety Addendum (3rd Edition)

On behalf of Drive Electric and our over 70 member organisations, I am writing to express our sincere gratitude for your leadership in addressing the regulatory complexities surrounding home charging for work electric vehicles.

The release of the WorkSafe Energy Safety Addendum (3rd Edition) in January 2026 is a significant milestone that directly addresses the concerns we previously raised. By removing the restrictive requirement that employer-owned vehicles must be charged in a garage, you have harmonised official guidance with existing New Zealand electrical safety standards.

This pragmatic reform provides several immediate benefits for New Zealand businesses and workers:

- **Increased Equity:** New Zealanders living in properties without garages are no longer arbitrarily excluded from participating in business fleet programmes.
- **Operational Efficiency:** Businesses can now fully utilise home charging—the cornerstone of fleet efficiency—without unnecessary compliance burdens.

- Regulatory Consistency: The guidance now correctly reflects that safety is determined by installation compliance and robust standards rather than vehicle ownership.

We appreciate your commitment to reducing unnecessary red tape while maintaining high safety standards. This change demonstrates a clear alignment with the goals of the Ministry for Regulation to foster a more efficient business environment.

We look forward to continuing our work with your office on future initiatives.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Corson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kirsten Corson

Chair