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CAR INDUSTRY CAN MEET THE PRIME MINISTER'S CHALLENGE

The Australian automotive industry has assured the Prime Minister it can meet the challenges of producing more environmentally friendly vehicles.

The peak body representing the car industry, the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries (FCAI), has endorsed Kevin Rudd's World Environment Day vision to "*help motorists and the environment*".

"The three Australian manufacturers are already improving the fuel economy and emissions from their vehicles but we acknowledge that more can be done," FCAI chief executive Andrew McKellar said.

"There are positive opportunities for the car makers to embrace new technology and we look forward to working with the Federal Government to secure these opportunities," he said.

Combating the higher cost of fuel and the effects of climate change are two important issues currently being considered by the *Review of Australia's Automotive Industry*, headed by Steve Bracks.

"The local industry is ready to take on these global challenges and it is why the outcomes of the current review will be critical to the future of Australian car manufacturing," Mr McKellar said.

"The Green Car Innovation Fund will assist car makers switch to more efficient vehicles and is a good example of the Government showing that it is serious about supporting local manufacturing and responding to climate change," he said.

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