

**04-July-2025**

**Response from Bruce Newton and Toby Hagon,**

“In October/November 2024, at the request of BYD Australia/EVDirect, Axelerate Media and Mumbo Media organised and paid for an outback media drive in the BYD Shark 6.

“Expenses included all transport, accommodation, fuel and food as well as the fees for a photographer and videographer. “As per the budget agreed before the trip, BYD Australia/EVDirect subsequently paid the agreed fee and gained access to images and video. “There was no BYD/EVDirect oversight or influence on any editorial produced.”