

MM37/22 ELECTRIC VEHICLE FAST CHARGING GRANTS - Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane

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RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council note the media release from the Hon Mr Matt Kean, Treasurer and Energy Minister on the new round of grants being announced for Fast EV chargers (Second Round).
- (b) That Council reviews the Second Round Fast Charger Grants Scheme 2022/2023, now released by the NSW State Government (State Government), plus the State Government Drive Electric NSW EV Fast Charging Prospectus, seeking to participate in the program with the following considerations:
 - i. Council staff review the Prospectus to determine a list of potential sites against the program criteria, including location and parking capability, zoning, land classification, community considerations and related issues, which may see sites in Council's property portfolio, suitable for fast electric charging stations.
 - ii. That Council staff consider any external factors or implications for participating in the program including long term management and site suitability against Council's planning and adopted policies, and any costs associated with managing these systems long term.
 - iii. That Council be provided with an update on participating in this program if successful.

ATTACHMENTS

1 Second Round Fast Charger Grants Open - Media Release by the Honourable Mr Matt Kean, Treasurer and Minister for Energy dated 9 December 2022

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Matt Kean Treasurer Minister for Energy

MEDIA RELEASE

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SECOND ROUND FAST CHARGER GRANTS OPEN

Drivers are set to receive a huge boost in charging infrastructure across the state with hundreds of new bays to be built in the latest round of electric vehicle fast charging grants.

Treasurer and Energy Minister Matt Kean said the NSW Government is investing a further \$80 million to co-fund up to 180 ultra-fast charging stations in round two of the grants, with all stations to be built over the coming 24 months.

"This investment will see the largest, fastest and most comprehensive public EV fast charging network in Australia," Mr Kean said.

"The ultra-fast chargers will be able to charge modern EVs from 20 per cent to 80 per cent in around 15 minutes and all stations will be fully powered with renewable energy.

"This is the second of an expected three funding rounds, with hundreds more stations set to be built over the coming years to modernise our fast charger and electric vehicle network across the state."

The second round of the grants will see the addition of larger stations with a minimum of 8 ultra-fast charging bays, to be built in areas of high demand.

The fast chargers will be placed no more than 5km apart in metropolitan areas and no more than 100km apart on major roads and highways across NSW.

The successful applicants from the first round – Ampol, BP, Tesla, the NRMA, Evie Networks and Zeus Renewables – are already building the first 86 ultra-fast charging stations.

The NSW Government has a target to add approximately 250 fast and ultra-fast charging stations in total across NSW.

Information and applications for Round Two Fast Charging Grants can be found here: <u>https://www.energy.nsw.gov.au/business-and-industry/programs-grants-and-</u> <u>schemes/electric-vehicles/electric-vehicle-fast-charging</u>

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