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## **COUNCIL TO INVESTIGATE INSTALLING VEHICLE CHARGERS ACROSS CITY OF RYDE**

The City of Ryde will help people make the transition from fuel-based cars to electric vehicles (EVs) and hydrogen cars after Council resolved to investigate the feasibility of installing vehicle chargers across the local government area.

Hydrogen and renewable-electric power are rapidly becoming an important part of Australia's vehicle future. However, surveys undertaken by the City of Ryde have found that the community finds that the lack of charging infrastructure to be one of the biggest impediments to EV and hydrogen car uptake.

In response, Council will prepare a report identifying funding options and possible locations for public electric and hydrogen vehicle chargers.

The report will consider the possibility of installing charging sites in town centres, publicly accessible Council-owned land and Council-owned car parks at sportsgrounds and parks across the City.

The report was part of a Mayoral Minute put forward by City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale.

"I want the City of Ryde to take a leading role where possible to ensure residents have access to sustainable transport infrastructure in order for us to achieve City-wide emissions reductions," Cllr Laxale.

"By installing vehicle charging stations in convenient and suitable locations across the City of Ryde we will be helping people make the transition from fuel-based cars to EVs and hydrogen cars.

"The installation of vehicle chargers across the City of Ryde is in line with Council's commitment to 100 percent renewable energy, support of solar power initiatives and introduction of EVs into its fleet. It also supports Council's pledge under the Cities Power Partnership Program towards encouraging sustainable transport use," Cllr Laxale said.

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