



Minister for Water; Forestry; Innovation and ICT; Science; Youth

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Dear  Mr Jones

MCGOWAN GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO SUPPORT ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Thank you for your correspondence dated 9 September 2020 regarding the event for World EV Day and charging infrastructure in Western Australia. It was a pleasure to attend the event and have the opportunity to speak with organisations and members of the community passionate about electric vehicles.

Thank you for forwarding through information regarding the fundraiser initiative for EV fast chargers and submissions from the Australian Electric Vehicle Association (AEVA). It is commendable to see the progress made by the community and industry to date and the support and advocacy of the Association to various levels of government.

I am pleased to provide you with a link to the *State Electric Vehicle Strategy for Western Australia*, which I released alongside the Premier, Hon Mark McGowan MLA, and Minister for Environment, Hon Stephen Dawson MLC, on 30 November 2020:

<https://www.wa.gov.au/service/environment/environment-information-services/electric-vehicle-strategy> .

The Electric Vehicle Strategy is an important part of the McGowan Government's *Climate Policy* and will provide a pathway towards decarbonising road transport, improving air quality, and supporting a robust electricity system with increasing levels of renewable energy.

The electric vehicle charging infrastructure network outlined in the Electric Vehicle Strategy will be rolled-out within three years beginning in 2021-22. It is anticipated that most, if not all of the charging stations will be installed during the first one-two years of the program. The focus of the network is fast and ultra-fast charging stations between 50kW and 350kW.

The charging infrastructure network will ensure fast charging is enabled along major travel routes to towns, city centres and tourism sites north from Perth to Kununurra, south to Esperance and east to Kalgoorlie. The exact locations of charging stations will be determined over the coming months through further consultation, led by the Western Australian Electric Vehicle Working Group. The Working Group will continue to investigate options to maximise the coverage of electric vehicle charging across Western Australia,

including working with the Australian Government, and collaborating with the South Australian Government to facilitate travel between states.

The Western Australian Government is also keen to lead by example, encouraging the uptake of electric vehicles. We have committed to a minimum of 25 per cent of eligible State fleet vehicles being electric by 2025-26. This target will also help to stimulate the second-hand vehicle market.

While some other Australian jurisdictions are proposing the introduction of a road user charge for electric vehicles, the Western Australian Government is not considering new taxes for electric vehicles.

If you would like to be kept up to date with future information relating to the Electric Vehicle Strategy, I would encourage you to register your interest on the wa.gov.au website link mentioned above.

Thank you for your support of the move to electric vehicles. I have been driving one for over 12 months and I will never go back.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Kelly', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Hon Dave Kelly MLA
MINISTER FOR INNOVATION AND ICT

cc Hon Stephen Dawson MLC, Minister for Environment

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