RESPONSE TO PETITION

Petition No. 10 of 2026
House of Assembly

We, the undersigned residents of Tasmania, draw to the attention of the House the need to expand and strengthen Tasmania's electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Your petitioners call on the House to note that:

I. Tasmania's current network of electric vehicle chargers is inadequate in number and frequently unreliable.

2. The electric vehicle charging infrastructure is complicated, with the need for multiple network accounts.

3. The ongoing supply crisis of petroleum-based fuels due to war in the Middle East is resulting in increased demand from Tasmanians for electric vehicles.

4. Efforts to decarbonise transport will lead to greater uptake of electric vehicles.

5. The growing uptake of electric vehicles in Tasmania will increase demand for a reliable and extensive charging network.

RESPONSE:

The Tasmanian Government is taking a practical approach to reducing transport emissions, supporting the uptake of electric vehicles and helping Tasmanian businesses prepare for the transition to a low-emissions economy.

Our *Transport Emissions Reduction and Resilience Plan 2024–29* commits $1.4 million to programs that reduce emissions, support the transition to a low-emissions economy and strengthen resilience across the transport sector.

We recognise that the transition to electric vehicles requires more than simply encouraging people to change cars.

That is why we have a comprehensive strategy to increase the uptake of electric vehicles, with a focus on investing in our charging infrastructure, financial incentives, education and awareness, coordination, and support for fleets.

We are investing in our Tasmania's public EV fast-charging network to make EV ownership and travel more practical. In recent years, we have run three funding rounds for ChargeSmart Electric Vehicle Charging Grants.

Grants of up to $50,000 were available for organisations to purchase, install or upgrade public direct current electric vehicle fast charging infrastructure through this program.

Hon Guy Barnett MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for Environment and Climate Change

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