




Speech by

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ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION

 **Mr RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (2.49 pm): In 2007 the average car accounted for almost half of all transport related greenhouse gas emissions in Queensland, which is equivalent to more than nine million tonnes of carbon dioxide. As we move to a low-carbon world and future, electric vehicles will not only become more popular because they provide a more cleaner, greener alternative to the average petrol car but also be essential to our low-carbon world and low-carbon future.

I was very pleased this month to join the member for Buderim and the Minister for Environment at the official opening of Queensland's first public electric vehicle charging station. This new public electric vehicle charging station provides a sneak peak at the new cleaner, greener era in Queensland motoring—and it is just around the corner. The charge-point facility at Village Green on Mons is a public electric vehicle charging facility. It provides the necessary infrastructure for the electric vehicle future, which is, as I said, just around the corner. As the Minister for Environment said at the official opening, electric vehicles offer consumers a zero-emission transport option when we recharge with 100 per cent renewable energy, and of course we want Queensland to really embrace the benefits of electric vehicles.

Members of this House will be very pleased to know that I was the star of the show to some extent at the official opening because, as part of the official opening, someone needed to drive an electric vehicle. So I drove the electric vehicle from Caboolture to the Sunshine Coast, and I can tell you, Mr Deputy Speaker, that not only was it exciting—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Elmes): Unfortunately the member's time has expired.