

Question on Notice

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Asked on 12 May 2021

MR D PURDIE ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how many meetings of the Electric Vehicle Council have been held separately in each year since its establishment?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Ninderry for the question and welcome this new interest in electric vehicles.

The Queensland Electric Vehicle Council (QEVV) has held two meetings since its establishment in 2018, the first on 16 August 2018 and the other on 29 May 2019. In early 2020, QEVV members were also invited to participate in the Premier's Business Series – Electric Vehicle Forum, which was held at Parliament House on 18 February 2020. A meeting later in 2020 was not possible due to the COVID-19 global pandemic impacts and the pressing priorities from it.

The Palaszczuk Government released *The Future is Electric: Queensland's Electric Vehicle Strategy* (EV Strategy) in 2017, the first jurisdiction in Australia to introduce an electric vehicle (EV) strategy. Since the release of the EV Strategy, the Palaszczuk Government has made substantial progress to increase EV uptake, usage and supporting infrastructure across Queensland.

A key deliverable from the EV Strategy—the Queensland Electric Super Highway (QESH)—remains the world's longest electric highway in a single state, allowing EV motorists to easily recharge from Coolangatta to Port Douglas and from Brisbane to Toowoomba. In February 2021, QESH Phase 2 delivered a further 13 fast-charging stations to the network, meaning Queenslanders and tourists can recharge their EV at any of the 31 QESH sites across the state.

With EVs playing a key role across a range of sectors, the Palaszczuk Government continues to engage with industry to drive greater support for EV uptake. The Palaszczuk Government remains committed to embracing innovative, new transport technologies and combining research and development to continue to build, strengthen and integrate Queensland's transport network.

I would encourage the Member to contact their Federal colleagues to urge them to establish a coherent national policy approach in partnership with industry, to help drive EV uptake in Australia which lags behind most of the developed world.