

Question on Notice
No. 695
Asked on Wednesday, 26 May 2021

MR M BERKMAN ASKED MINISTER FOR ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND HYDROGEN AND MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND PROCUREMENT (HON M DE BRENNI)

With reference to charging stations for electric vehicles—

Will the Minister advise of any government (a) annual targets, or any specific target, for numbers of official electric vehicle charging stations across the state and (b) plans to install electric vehicle charging stations: (i) in South-East Queensland and (ii) in the Maiwar Electorate?

ANSWER

(a)

The Queensland Government is cognisant that its supporting measures remain contemporary to continue to drive EV uptake in order to meet our future emissions targets, including zero net emissions by 2050. Queensland was the first Australian jurisdiction to develop an electric vehicle strategy: *The Future is Electric* in 2017.

(b)

As announced on 17 June 2021, the Palaszczuk Government is building on this ground-breaking work with the development of a new Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) Strategy and expansion of the Queensland Electric Super Highway (QESH).

With \$5.3 million already invested to install the initial 31 QESH sites, an additional \$2.75 million has been committed to deliver an additional 18 charging sites, which will almost double coverage of the QESH just under 2000km, to 3800km once completed.

(b)(i&ii)

The new QESH charging stations will be located at:

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| • Charters Towers | • Barcaldine |
| • Hughenden | • Blackall |
| • Julia Creek | • Emerald |
| • Cloncurry | • Dingo |
| • Mount Isa | • Charleville |
| • Goondiwindi | • Roma |
| • Stanthorpe | • Miles |
| • Winton | • Kingaroy |
| • Longreach | • Esk |

There are a number of additional charging stations that are delivered by external providers across Queensland.

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.