

Question on Notice

No. 709

Asked on 27 May 2021

MR S O'CONNOR ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide the number of charging sessions from all electric vehicle charging stations operated by the government (broken down per station and by month) since their respective openings?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Bonney for the question.

Queensland is the first Australian jurisdiction to develop an electric vehicle (EV) strategy: *the Future is Electric*. Under this strategy, the Palaszczuk Government has delivered an extensive network of fast charging infrastructure, known as the Queensland Electric Super Highway (QESH). There are now 31 fast charging locations across the QESH—delivered in two phases—since commencing operation in late 2017. The QESH connects EV drivers across Queensland, from Coolangatta to Port Douglas and from Brisbane to Toowoomba.

Public use of the QESH continues to increase demonstrating the success of initiatives delivered under *the Future is Electric* and through existing incentives. The Palaszczuk Government supports EV uptake through reduced registration and stamp duty for EV owners. The most popular QESH sites include Hamilton, Coolangatta, Helensvale and Cairns, where these sites are generally located in more urban, populated areas.

More recently, the Palaszczuk Government announced the extension of the QESH with a \$2.75 million commitment to deliver 18 new charging sites across the state. The extension will allow motorists to explore Outback Queensland entirely emissions free, driving tourism and economic recovery in the north-west. We will see the length double from just under 2000 kilometres to almost 3800 kilometres and, once complete, QESH will feature 49 fast charging locations connecting EV drivers across Queensland.

I would strongly encourage the State LNP to engage with its federal counterparts to overcome barriers for EV uptake, which has left our nation behind when compared to most developed nations.

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

As Minister for Transport and Main Roads, I have consistently advocated for greater EV uptake and national leadership. This includes presenting to the Infrastructure and Transport Ministers' Meetings in partnership with the Australian Capital Territory and opposing measures from southern states that will obstruct EV take ups.

The following table includes total charging sessions for each of the 31 sites.

Location	Charging Sessions	Phase	Year Opened
Ayr	63	2	2020
Bowen	339	1	2017
Cairns	1,797	1	2017
Cardwell	48	2	2021
Carmila	378	1	2018
Charlton	933	1	2017
Childers	911	1	2017
Coolangatta	2,273	1	2017
Cooroy	1,348	1	2018
Forest Glen	180	2	2021
Gin Gin	116	2	2020
Gunalda	109	2	2020
Gympie	197	2	2020
Hamilton	4,818	1	2017
Helensvale	2,216	1	2019
Innisfail	98	2	2020
Ipswich	214	2	2021
Mackay	753	1	2017
Marlborough	390	1	2017
Maryborough	1,930	1	2018
Miriam Vale	764	1	2017
Mount Larcom	94	2	2020
North Lakes	398	2	2021
Port Douglas	122	2	2020
Proserpine	78	2	2020
Rockhampton	529	1	2019
Springfield	1,698	1	2017
Springwood	319	2	2021
Townsville	777	1	2018
Tully	386	1	2018
UQ Gatton	621	1	2018
Total	24,897		