

# Media Release

**The Hon Gayle Tierney MLC**

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Minister for Training and Skills

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## CREATING AN EXPERT ELECTRIC VEHICLE WORKFORCE IN VICTORIA

Hundreds of Victorian electricians will be given the chance to upskill and work on electric vehicle technology as part of the Andrews Labor Government's plan to reach net zero emissions by 2050.

Minister for Training and Skills Gayle Tierney today announced an investment of more than \$950,000 in a pilot program for 500 licensed electricians, led by the Electrical Trades Union and delivered by training provider The Centre for U and Holmesglen TAFE.

The pilot program will boost Victoria's existing electrical workforce by increasing the number of EV charging station installers. It will also enhance community perception and knowledge ahead of an anticipated uptake of EV technology.

Importantly, the Labor Government investment will continue to drive Victoria's clean energy future and promote the expansion of the clean economy workforce.

The pilot program will help inform the development of new course curriculum for accreditation by September – supporting more opportunities for electricians through the TAFE and training sector.

This project has been funded by the Labor Government through its Workforce Training Innovation Fund and is supported by the Electric Vehicle Council, EV Choice, Energy Safe Victoria and Future Energy Skills.

Since 2014, the Government has made a record \$3.5 billion investment to rebuild TAFE and support universities and higher education to ensure Victorians have access to high quality education and rewarding career pathways.

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Training and Skills Gayle Tierney**

*"This is a great example of how our TAFE and training sector is providing opportunities for workers to retrain and upskill – while also preparing us for the workforce we need for our clean, green future."*

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio**

*"We know EV technology is becoming more popular and accessible – and it's a vital component in our plan to reach net zero emissions by 2050 – which is why we're investing in this great project."*

### **Quote attributable to Electrical Trades Union Victorian Branch State Secretary Troy Gray**

*"We are committed to supporting the upskilling of the electrical workforce – and through this project, our industry can better meet the demands of the imminent electric vehicle boom."*

### **Quote attributable to Holmesglen TAFE CEO Mary Faraone**

*"This is an important training program, supporting licensed electricians to become specialists in installing and maintaining the infrastructure to charge electric vehicles."*

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**Quote attributable to Centre for U CEO Alex Newman**

*“The Centre for U is excited to pilot the electric vehicle charging infrastructure course to 500 electricians and meet the imminent demands of the electric vehicle boom.”*