

# Media Release

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## ACCELERATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGERS

The Andrews Labor Government is accelerating electric vehicle infrastructure for businesses and not-for-profits by delivering more chargers across Victoria and investing in innovative new charging technologies.

Minister for Energy Lily D'Ambrosio announced \$1.55 million in grants for 14 organisations under its program for EV Charging for Business and Not-for-Profits. The program will install 58 charging stations at 24 organisations across the state in 2023, helping drive down their emissions and cut fuel bills.

This investment is part of the Labor Government's \$100 million Zero Emissions Vehicle Roadmap – supporting Victoria's transition to electric vehicles, driving the deployment of EV charging technology and helping make EVs more affordable by growing the second-hand market.

Regional Victoria will receive \$727,000 and metropolitan Melbourne will receive \$827,000, with chargers ranging from 7 to 60 kilowatts depending on location, fleet size and frequency of use.

The Labor Government has also announced a new \$3.18 million program to support new Zero Emissions Vehicle Emerging Technologies. The program will support pilots, trials and implementation-ready projects using innovative EV charging technologies, such as wireless charging and bidirectional, vehicle-to-grid charging.

Other eligible technologies include EV charging in high density areas, off-street parking areas and smart chargers that reduce costs or optimise charging during off-peak periods or maximise rooftop solar.

The roadmap also invested \$5 million for new fast-charging stations across Victoria – ensuring drivers in any Victorian town will be at most one hour away from a charger and as well as infrastructure for local councils and businesses to support their fleets.

To put a new ZEV within reach of more families, the Government has invested \$46 million in the Zero Emissions Vehicles (ZEV) Subsidy, reducing the upfront cost by \$3,000 and driving the creation of a second-hand market.

These initiatives will play a key role in helping achieve our target of 50 per cent of all new light vehicles sales being zero emissions by 2030 and help Victoria achieve its ambitious emissions reductions targets.

Applications are open until 10 February 2023. For a list of successful applicants, or to apply for the ZEV Emerging Technologies program visit [energy.vic.gov.au/renewable-energy/zero-emissions-vehicles](https://energy.vic.gov.au/renewable-energy/zero-emissions-vehicles).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Environment and Climate Action Lily D'Ambrosio

*"Victoria is fuelling a new industry by expanding critical charging infrastructure for local businesses and not-for-profits and supporting emerging charging technologies."*

*"Ensuring more innovative, available charging options lays the groundwork to ensure 50 per cent of our state's new light vehicle sales are zero-emission by 2030."*

### Quote attributable to Minister for Public Transport, Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll

*"We're delivering the necessary infrastructure for a cheaper, cleaner transition for the transport sector – the second largest contributor to Victoria's emissions – through our \$100 million Zero Emissions Vehicle Roadmap."*

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