

Public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Policy

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1 OUTCOMES

- 1.1 Enables EV charging infrastructure on public land that integrates effectively with the transport network and local environment.
- 1.2 Increases the availability of EV charging infrastructure to support growth in the uptake of electric vehicles.
- 1.3 Supports Council in achieving several United Nations Sustainable Development Goals as identified in the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) Community Strategic Plan.

2 POLICY

- 2.1 Council supports the installation of EV charging on public land for public use.
- 2.2 EV charging infrastructure must meet the conditions and requirements set out in the policy.
- 2.3 EV charging infrastructure providers using public land must enter into a formal agreement with Council prior to installation.
- 2.4 Deliver 100 public EV chargers within the QPRC LGA by 2030.

3 SCOPE OF THE POLICY

- 3.1 Applies to all publicly accessible EV charging infrastructure installed on public land by third-party private operators that are:
 1. Intended for use by the public
 2. Intended for charging EVs and other transport modes, such as bicycles, taxis, and new freight and public transport solutions.
- 3.2 Provides the overriding direction for the provision, installation, commissioning, management, maintenance, decommissioning, and allocation of public EV charging infrastructure across Queanbeyan-Palerang for residents, businesses, and visitors.
- 3.3 Does not apply to:
 1. EV charging stations on private land.
 2. Non-community EV charging stations on Council land (such as those dedicated to Council fleet vehicles or staff charging).

4 DEFINITIONS

- 4.1 **QPRC** means Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council.
- 4.2 **Council** means Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council.
- 4.3 **EV** means Electric Vehicle.
- 4.4 **EOI** means Expression of Interest
- 4.5 **United Nationals Sustainable Development Goals** are a collection of 17 interlinked global goals designed to be a blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all.
- 4.6 **LGA** means Local Government Area.
- 4.7 **Public land** is defined as any land including a public reserve vested in or under the control of the Council, for this policy this does not include:
 - a) A common, or
 - b) A regional park under the National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1974.
 - c) Public land that is not normally accessed by the public such as water and sewer facilities
 - d) Public land where operational needs are not compatible with public EV charging such as water facilities.

5 LEGISLATIVE OBLIGATIONS AND/OR RELEVANT STANDARDS

- 5.1 The erection of an electric vehicle charger is considered exempt development under the State Environment Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 if the erection of the charger complies with section 2.20 (general requirements for exempt development) and the charger:
- a) is for the private non-commercial use of an owner or occupier of the premises where it is erected, or
 - b) is located in compliance with AS/NZS 60079.10.1, *Explosive gas atmospheres* in an existing:
 - (1) car park, or
 - (2) bus depot, or
 - (3) road maintenance depot, or
 - (4) service station, highway service centre, or car washing facility
- 5.2 QPRC Community Strategic Plan 2042.
- 5.3 Local Government Act 1993.





6 CONTENT

- 6.1 Council will consider locations that are in strategic and/or tourism destinations for EV charging infrastructure. Council will consider a site on the following factors:
- There must be existing and/or potential demand for EV charging.
 - That any site considered for the provision of EV charging infrastructure is in a desirable location for the user to stop, spend time in the area, or use local amenities.
 - A safe location for access to the proposed charging infrastructure.
 - Access to a suitable power supply.
 - Environmental constraints, characteristics, and amenities have been considered.
 - The land is public, as defined in this policy.
 - Electric vehicle charging stations are permissible under the relevant legislation at the proposed location.
 - The land has a reasonable connection to the wider road network.
 - The facility has a reasonable connection to the water network or water supplies for fire management purposes.
 - The facility is safe with adequate lighting, and pedestrian, vehicle, and bicycle access is available at all times of day and night.
 - The facility is compliant with relevant Australian standards and road design guidelines.
 - The facility is compliant with relevant Australian standards and regulations for workplace health and safety and road design guidelines. Charging station hardware must be located a safe distance away from hazards (e.g. dangerous goods and fuels).
 - Car parking for EV charging must permit both front to kerb and rear to kerb parking.
 - Charging stations are capable of being used by all battery electric vehicles sold in Australia.

- 6.2 Council will consider third-party provider infrastructure installed, operated, maintained, and decommissioned for the provision of EV charging on public land at no cost to the Council. EV charging infrastructure providers using public land must enter into a formal agreement with Council.
- 6.3 Council may install, operate, and maintain public EV charging stations on public land until they are transferred to a third-party operator under a formal lease agreement.
- 6.4 EV charging infrastructure must meet the conditions and requirements set out in this Policy and the QPRC Public EV Charging Plan.
- 6.5 The QPRC Public EV Charging Plan identifies proposed locations for EV charging infrastructure within the Queanbeyan-Palerang Local Government Area to 2030. The Plan also provides for the number of chargers and charging levels for each site.
- 6.6 General Manager has the delegated authority to sign off on any EV charging infrastructure lease or license agreement on the provision that it meets the conditions and requirements set out in this Policy and the QPRC Public EV Charging Plan.

7 TARGET

- 7.1 The following public EV charging infrastructure target is set and will be reported biennially.

Target	Related SDGs	
Deliver 100 electric vehicle chargers on public land for public use by 2030 (Council or third-party installed), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 level 3 chargers • 82 level 2 chargers 	 <p>11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES</p>	 <p>7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY</p>
	 <p>13 CLIMATE ACTION</p>	 <p>9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE</p>

8 REVIEW

- 8.1 This policy will be reviewed every four years or earlier as necessary if:
 - a) legislation requires it, or
 - b) Council’s functions, structure, or activities change