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STATE'S FIRST LOCALLY MADE ELECTRIC BUS ON TRIAL

The first electric bus built in NSW is now on trial as the Government charges towards electrifying the State's bus fleet.

Minister for Transport and Roads Andrew Constance said he was proud of the Western Sydney workforce which produced the State's first zero emissions bus.

"It's so exciting to know this bus, which was assembled entirely in Western Sydney, is now at the trial stage.

"Until now we've seen the conversion of diesel buses to electric, and buses built overseas, but this is the first fully fledged Australian made bus in the State.

"It has started running between Bondi Beach and Bronte and what is even more exciting for commuters is that it's fare free for them to jump on board and give it a go," Mr Constance said.

"The State's first trial of a locally built electric bus takes us closer to an emissions free future and supports hundreds of local jobs, which is an amazing outcome for NSW."

50 new electric buses are planned to roll out across Sydney this year. The State's 8,000-strong fleet currently operate on diesel fuel and compressed natural gas.

Member for Vaucluse Gabrielle Upton said the two-week zero emissions bus trial in the Eastern Suburbs is another win for the environment.

"Our Government is getting closer to securing a cleaner, healthier future for the people of NSW and it's very exciting that the first of these locally-made electric buses are being trialed in my electorate," Ms Upton said.

"Charging infrastructure will be installed soon at the Waverley Bus Depot, which will help future bus operators in the Eastern Suburbs plug into the electric revolution."

Designed, manufactured and assembled by Custom Denning in St Marys, the Element e-bus can run for approximately 16 hours on a full charge or 450 kilometres.

Custom Denning Managing Director Scott Dunn said he is grateful his company is in a position to play a part in creating a more sustainable bus industry.

"The NSW Government has supported our business since I purchased it three years ago, now we can help them build a better future for both commuters and the environment," Mr

Dunn said.

“Being able to rebuild the business from our St Marys factory has allowed us to employ more than 200 locals and keep skilled manufacturing jobs in Australia.”

Customers who catch the electric bus during the trial are encouraged to use QR codes onboard to complete a COVID-safe check-in.

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