

## The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP

**Member for Vaucluse** 



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## \$35 MILLION GRANTS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING NETWORK

Vaucluse MP Gabrielle Upton welcomed news that NSW will have the most extensive electric vehicle (EV) charging network in the country with \$35 million invested for the first round of co-funding to build ultra-fast chargers across NSW.

Ms Upton said, "The NSW Government will co-fund up to 50 per cent of the capital costs for businesses to construct fast and ultra-fast charging bays along key travel routes across.

"This forms part of a total charging infrastructure program of \$171 million over four years, and will be an opportunity to drive visitors to successful businesses."

Treasurer Matt Kean said, "This is expected to unlock around \$160 million in private investment under our plan to build the biggest electric vehicle charging network in Australia. Construction is expected to start in the second half of 2022, with construction of all charging stations approved in this first round to be completed within two years."

Applications for co-funding will be assessed over two stages. Stage one will assess eligibility and high-level merit criteria, with a more detailed application for charging sites required in the second stage. It's expected the first stage applications will be finalised in April, with successful bidders and sites for funding to be announced in mid 2022.

The NSW Government's half-a-billion-dollar <u>Electric Vehicle Strategy</u> targets a reduction in tailpipe emissions from transport by shifting to electric vehicles. To attend an industry information session or to apply, visit <u>here</u>.

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