

Media Release

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JUMP-START TO VICTORIA'S ELECTRIC VEHICLE REVOLUTION

The Andrews Labor Government will help develop Australia's fastest electric vehicle charging stations in regional Victoria, using local expertise and businesses.

Minister for Energy Lily D'Ambrosio today announced Australian business Chargefox will receive \$1 million to develop Australia's first ultra-rapid vehicle charging sites in Euroa and Barnawartha North.

Chargefox has made an electric vehicle charge management software platform designed and built in Australia and will create two charging sites with multiple charging stations at each.

The company will match the Labor Government's funding to build the stations, which are expected to be operational by the end of October.

The charging stations will dramatically reduce charging time for drivers, with up to 400km of range delivered in 15 minutes, the fastest of any charger currently deployed in Australia.

The locations of the charging sites will make it easier for motorists travelling interstate, providing a boon for local economies, and boosting tourism in regional Victoria.

The Labor Government has legislated for net zero emissions by 2050, and this new investment in electric vehicles will help the sector along the journey to a low carbon future.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio

"Electric vehicles are the future, and we're ensuring Victoria is at the forefront of this transition."

"With our Solar Homes initiative and plans for electric vehicles, Victoria is leading the nation in new energy technology."

Quotes attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes

"We're bringing the world's best technology to regional Victoria and supporting local businesses along the way."

"These ultra-rapid charging sites will bring more tourists to our towns and help drive down emissions."