

Media Release

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BUSINESSES TO CUT COSTS AND EMISSIONS WITH ELECTRIC FLEETS

The Andrews Labor Government is helping Victorian businesses include Zero Emissions Vehicles (ZEVs) in their fleets, driving down emissions and pollution and cutting operating costs for businesses.

All Victorian businesses can now apply for a share of \$1.5 million in grants to install Electric Vehicle charging stations, smoothing their transition to a cheaper, cleaner electric fleet.

The Electric Vehicle Charging for Business Fleets program will reduce operating costs and emissions by supporting chargers for business fleets and stimulating the purchase and lease of ZEVs for business operations.

By switching to Zero Emission Vehicles, businesses could save up to \$500 per month per car in their fleet.

The turn-over of fleets will flow-on to the second-hand EV market, in turn making them more affordable for Victorians and cutting the cost of living for the community.

Transport is one of Australia's largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions, accounting for 25 per cent of Victoria's total carbon footprint.

The Labor Government has set an ambitious goal for Zero Emission Vehicles to make up half of all new light vehicle sales by 2030, helping Victoria halve emissions.

The grant program is a key part of the Government's \$19.21 million Acceleration of Zero Emissions Vehicles Adoption package and nation-leading \$100 million ZEV Roadmap.

Applications are open until 5pm Friday, 22 July 2022 at: energy.vic.gov.au/grants/ev-charging-business-fleets.

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

"Cars have to be a vehicle for change as we halve emissions by 2030 – by getting more zero emissions vehicles on our roads we're reducing transport's massive contribution to climate change and cutting costs for businesses."

"By supporting businesses with chargers we are slashing emissions and operating costs and building the zero-emission second-hand market, getting closer to our target of half of light vehicle sales by 2030."

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

"Transport is the second largest contributor to Victoria's emissions, and these grants will help support all sectors of the community to transition to zero emission vehicles."

"This is not only another step towards achieving zero emissions, but it also creates jobs and provides a boost to the economy."