

Media release

Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee

Electric vehicle charging inquiry seeks submissions

The Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee is inviting public submissions to its inquiry into how Victoria can best harmonise electric vehicles (EVs) with electricity supply and demand.

The inquiry will explore a range of issues, including strategies to reduce EV charging during periods of peak demand on the electricity grid, and to increase charging during times of peak supply. It will also examine whether public charging infrastructure is being rolled out at a sufficient rate across Victoria, particularly in older suburbs where off-street parking is limited.

Committee Chair Georgie Purcell said the inquiry will consider how electricity distribution businesses can support the rollout of EV charging infrastructure, including how tariffs should be set for EV chargers.

"We're looking at how Victoria can support the transition to electric vehicles in a way that benefits both consumers and the energy system," she said.

"This includes making sure charging is accessible, affordable and sustainable."

The inquiry will also consider:

- Strategies to encourage EV ownership, including bidirectional charging;
- The potential for old EV batteries to be repurposed as household or community batteries;
- Barriers and opportunities in the manufacture, reconditioning and recycling of EV batteries and other parts of the EV supply chain.

The Committee welcomes submissions from individuals, community groups, industry stakeholders and other interested parties.

Go to the Committee's <u>website</u> for the terms of reference, to sign up to email alerts or to make a submission.

The Committee will table its report by 27 March 2026.

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