Electric vehicles powered by Tasmania’s renewable energy have the potential to significantly improve the efficiency of the State’s vehicle fleet, through reduced transport costs and greenhouse gas emissions.

The Tasmanian Government is committed to supporting the uptake of electric vehicles.

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Tasmania’s transport sub-sector has the highest greenhouse gas emissions of all the sub-sectors of the State’s economy (shown in purple in the chart below). These figures are from 2016, the latest available greenhouse gas accounts.

**Commitment to Support Electric Vehicle Uptake**

Under Climate Action 21: Tasmania’s Climate Change Action Plan 2017-21 (Climate Action 21), the Tasmanian Government is taking practical action to support the uptake of electric vehicles.

This includes working with local government, and business and industry, including the Australian Electric Vehicle Association and TasNetworks, to support a statewide electric vehicle charging network.

The Tasmanian Government has established the Electric Vehicle Working Group. The Working Group will provide advice to support the uptake of electric vehicles in a way that maximises benefits to the State.
The Tasmanian Government is committed to reducing the State’s fuel costs and transport emissions by supporting the uptake of public transport, and improving Tasmania’s vehicle fleet efficiency.

**KEY INITIATIVES**

**Smarter Fleets Program**

The Tasmanian Government’s Smarter Fleets Program commenced in 2015 to reduce vehicle fleet greenhouse gas emissions and fuel costs by providing tailored guidance and support. Participating fleets have made improvements by:

- revising vehicle procurement policies;
- improving fleet data collection and analysis, and whole-of-life fleet costing; and
- implementing smarter vehicle booking systems.

Under Climate Action 21, the Smarter Fleets Program has been extended to additional light vehicle fleets and heavy vehicle fleets.

**Electric Vehicles in Local Government**

The Smarter Fleets Program – Electric Vehicles in Local Government is supporting participating councils to be electric vehicle ready as uptake increases and more models become available.

Councils receive tailored advice to identify electric vehicles and charging infrastructure to meet their needs.

Following the success to date, in 2019 this Program will be extended to support Tasmanian Government agencies to prepare to integrate electric vehicles into their fleet.

**ChargeSmart Electric Vehicle Charging Grants Programs**

TCCO has run three different Grants Programs to support the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure across the State. The Tasmanian Government is providing $450,000 over three years to support the installation of electric vehicle chargers for public use.

**Fast Charging**

In 2019 grants of up to $50,000 for organisations towards the cost of purchasing and installing Direct Current (DC) electric vehicle fast charging stations. Fast chargers provide a high rate of charge and are installed where drivers need to recharge quickly.

**Destination Charging**

Grants of up to $2,500 were available to organisations to purchase and install Alternating Current (AC) electric vehicle destination charging stations. Destination chargers are useful where electric vehicles are parked for an hour or more, such as shopping centres, hotels, caravan parks, public car parks, restaurants and tourist attractions.

**Workplace Charging**

In 2018, the Tasmanian Government supported Tasmanian workplaces (eg councils, businesses and not-for-profits) to install electric vehicle charging stations for use by staff. Grants were provided to eleven workplaces.