

8.4 NRMA Electric Vehicle Fast Charging Sites

REPORT BY THE MANAGER - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
TO 14 DECEMBER 2022 ORDINARY MEETING
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Manager - Economic Development on the NRMA Electric Highway;**
2. **authorise the General Manager to negotiate appropriate locations for a new four bay EV charging station; and**
3. **authorise the General Manager to engage and execute agreements with the NRMA to identify and authorise the instalment of EV fast charging station in Mudgee.**

Executive summary

As part of the Federal Government's Electric Highway Commitment, Mudgee has been identified as an area where additional fast charging infrastructure would be beneficial. As such, NRMA are wanting to progress discussions with Council to install a new four bay fast charger at an appropriate location in Mudgee. It is proposed that NRMA would cover all costs to build, power, maintain, and monitor this facility.

The purpose of this report is seek approval to continue negotiations with NRMA and authorise the General Manager to engage and execute agreements with NRMA to install a new four bay EV charger in Mudgee CBD.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

The Federal Government's Electric Highway commitment will see EV charging stations located no more than 150km apart on national highways around the country. As part of recent funding to NRMA, Mudgee has been identified as an area where additional infrastructure will be of benefit. The NRMA are delivering this project and would like to engage Council to explore sites in Mudgee that meet the following requirements:

- Not more than 10 minute deviation from the highway
- Minimum four bay parking area to accommodate high use periods
- Available access 24/7
- Access to amenities

All infrastructure, build, power, maintenance and monitoring costs would be covered by the NRMA.

The Council carpark on Short Street has been identified as a possible location for the EV fast charging station as this location is close to amenities, Tourist Information Centre and a short walk to the town centre.

If to progress, Council would enter a licence agreement for the location of the chargers. The term of the licence Council would commit to is 5 years and the license fee during this term is \$1 per annum. important to note:

- this License does not give the Licensee (NRMA) any right to exclusive possession or occupancy of the Licensed Area.
- the Licensor (MWRC) may use, or permit other parties to use, the Licensed Area.
- this Licence will not create, or be construed as creating, any form of tenancy or other right or interest in or to the Licensed Area, other than a contractual right; and
- this Licence does not constitute a lease at Law and the Licensee will not claim before a court or tribunal that this Licence constitutes a lease at Law.
- Licensee (NRMA) will pay for connection charges and ongoing usage costs.
- The licensee (NRMA) promptly after becoming aware of it, repair any damage to the Licensee's Property whether caused by vandalism, attempted or actual theft or other unlawful activity, or by accident or negligence of a third party other than the Licensor.
- The Licensee may terminate this Licence at any time by giving the Licensor at least 120 days' written notice.

The current Club Mudgee EV station is also currently being considered for upgrade to a dual fast EV charging station.

It is recommended the Council authorise the General Manager to negotiate an appropriate location for the EV charging station; and once location is agreed, execute agreements with NRMA.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Looking After Our Community
Goal	Effective and efficient delivery of infrastructure
Strategy	Provide infrastructure and services to cater for the current and future needs of our community

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Not Applicable

Council Policies

Not Applicable

Legislation

Not Applicable

Financial implications

Nil, as all establishment and ongoing expenses are the responsibility of NRMA.

Associated Risks

The risk of not engaging in this project will be that the Mid-Western Region may miss out on the opportunity to have further fast EV chargers installed in Mudgee at no cost to Council. If fast EV charging stations are not installed this may deter some visitors and affect tourism as more of the population are investing in electric cars and the demand for this service will continue to grow.

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Attachments: 1. Draft Licence to Occupy NRMA EV Charger Installation. (separately attached)
2. NRMA Electric Highways letter of intent. (separately attached)

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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