

6.2 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

NOTICE OF MOTION LISTED BY CR PAUL CAVALIER
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MOTION

That Council:

- 1. provides in principle support for the installation of EV charging infrastructure within the Mid-Western Region;**
- 2. assesses available car parking spaces within the Mudgee, Gulgong, Rylstone and Kandos CBD's that are in close proximity to shops and cafes that would be suitable for EV recharging;**
- 3. assesses available grant opportunities for the provision of this infrastructure; and**
- 4. receive a report by the Director Development.**

Background

The uptake of Electric Vehicles (EVs) around Australia is increasing year on year, with many car manufacturers employing strategies to phase out new gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles.

The Department of Planning and Environment are currently offering grants to assist in the installation of charging infrastructure to support the anticipated growth in EVs around the country.

In the event that Mid-Western Regional Council were successful in one of these grant applications, ratepayers would enjoy subsidised upgrades to local electrical infrastructure and the associated economic benefits of making our region EV friendly, and therefore attractive to those in the market already driving these vehicles.

In addition to this, support of this infrastructure represents an environmentally conscious move by Council.

Officer's comments

Council staff are currently assessing potential EV Charging locations and appropriate required infrastructure. A report with recommended EV sites, grant opportunities and required budget will be brought to Council at a future meeting.