

8.6 Destination EV Chargers - Fees and Charges

REPORT BY THE MANAGER - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
TO 19 JULY 2023 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400103, GRA600051

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Manager - Economic Development on the EV Chargers - Fees and Charges;**
2. **place the new Destination 22 kW EV Chargers fee in Council Fees and Charges, charged at market rates on public exhibition for 28 days; and**
3. **adopt the Destination 22kW EV Chargers fee (charged at market rates) and add it to Council Fees and Charges if no submissions are received.**

Executive summary

Council has installed new EV Chargers through the Electric Drive NSW EV Destination Charging Grant, co-funded by Council at the following locations:

- Mudgee Arts Precinct – 90 Market Street, Mudgee;
- Herbert Street Carpark – 108 Herbert Street, Gulgong; and
- Rylstone Memorial Hall – 73 Louee Street Rylstone

The new Destination EV Chargers are ready for commissioning and require to have fees and charges attached to their usage. It is recommended that Council adopt a new fee in Council Fees and Charges for the use of these charging stations advertised at market rates.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

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The EV Chargers are all EVBox Business Line Hub AC EV chargers at 22kW (32 Amp, 3-phase) providing critical infrastructure for the increasing consumer demand in electric vehicle charging stations.

These chargers need to have a cost attached to their use and consumption at market rates to remain fair and equitable. It is proposed that market rates be reviewed at least quarterly and

applied to these charging stations. As a guide to what market rates would be, the average cost for Level 2 charging stations is \$0.20 - \$0.25 per kWh.

It is recommended that Council adopt a new fee in Council Fees and Charges for the use of these charging stations advertised at market rates to keep rates current, in line with electricity prices and competitive, to be reviewed quarterly.

The new fee is to be named Destination EV 22 kW Chargers and locations clearly stated to ensure they are not mistaken for other EV charging stations throughout the region.

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

The introduction of the Destination EV 22kW Chargers fee may create a small amount of revenue for Council after electricity costs are applied.

Associated Risks

If Council does not apply a rate of charge for the Destination EV Chargers and choose to make this a free service it would be inequitable to vehicle users who pay for petrol and diesel. This option would also create an electricity charge on Council that is not recuperated through fees and charges.

If the rates were set annually and not reviewed regularly there is risk that the fees become misaligned as the electricity market fluctuates and could potentially either cause Council rates to be inflated or deflated.

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30 June 2023

Attachments: Nil

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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