

Council Policy

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY

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Responsible Officer:	Sustainable Community Lead
Directorate:	Infrastructure and Sustainability
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PURPOSE

Southern Grampians Shire Council is committed to improving sustainability within the Shire. Facilitating the transition to Electric Vehicles through providing access to convenient access to EV charging infrastructure plays an important role in meeting this commitment.

The purpose of this policy is to facilitate a coordinate roll-out of EV charging infrastructure across Southern Grampians Shire which will be fundamental to meet emissions reduction targets.

The intent of this policy is to provide understanding and guidance for the appropriate process to follow before the installation of EV charging infrastructure on Council owned or managed land.

APPLICATION AND SCOPE

This policy applies to installation of public electric vehicle charging infrastructure on Council owned or managed land, including but not limited to: Carparks; and Roadside verges.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

POLICY STATEMENT

Council supports third party commercial operators to install, operate and maintain their EV charging infrastructure in locations consistent with the following factors:

- Proximity to shopping areas that enables patronage to local businesses during short-stay charging.
- Destinations where people visit for relatively longer charging durations.
- Areas close to community activities and facilities.

- Priority locations where future EV demand is expected to be high with minimal impact on parking needs.
- Impact on streetscape and amenity is minimised.
- Council supports the installation of a range of slow, medium and fast EV chargers to cater for different charging needs.
- EV charging locations will be listed on Council's website and through external channels where appropriate.
- Land Manager Consent and licence Agreement process (if applicable).
- A 'public-interest' test assessing the proposal's community/commercial benefit, project costs and associated risks.
- In the absence of Australian Standards mandating a single connector standards, Council encourages EV chargers that prioritises compatibility EVs in the public market. Where possible, Council favours CCS with capability for both AC and DC charging.

Council requires all proposals for EV charging infrastructure in public places to address:

- Consultation with utilities and the community, particularly neighbouring residents and businesses;
- Public use of the EV charging infrastructure at standard industry rates;
- Data sharing conditions to understand charging statistics;
- Full life-cycle responsibility for infrastructure, from installation, operation, maintenance and removal;
- All costs to be covered by the proponent;
- Electrical infrastructure is powered by 100% renewable energy;
- Appropriate EV parking signage;
- Inclusion of lighting should existing lighting not be sufficient;
- Infrastructure to be compliant with all the required Australian Standards; and
- Compliance with Disability Discrimination Act 1992

POLICY OWNER

The Director of Infrastructure and Sustainability will be responsible for the enforcement of the policy when proposals are evaluated.

IMPLEMENTATION

This policy was adopted by Council on March 2025 and the following reviews have taken place every 4 years

CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

It is considered that this policy is compatible with the relevant human rights identified in the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic)*.

GENDER EQUALITY COMPLIANCE

It is considered that this policy is compatible with the relevant gender equality principles identified in the *Gender Equality Act 2020*.

Is a Gender Impact Assessment required?

- Yes (*legally required for all policies that have a direct and significant impact on the public*)
- No (*please provide an explanation why a Gender Impact Assessment is not required*)

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- *Local Government Act 2020*
- *Gender Equality Act 2020*
- *Southern Grampians Shire Council Community Engagement Policy*
- *Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure on Council Land Guidelines, 2023*

REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed in 2029.

Trigger points that require an earlier review period of the policy or associated document/s include (but are not limited to):

- change in legislation which has a bearing on the document
- change in Council's position on a particular subject area
- recommendation from a governance body (eg Audit and Risk Committee recommendation, Internal or External Audit Recommendation, integrity agency)

AUTHORISED

This policy was adopted by Council on 12 March 2025.