



## **Charge Network to reduce 'range anxiety' as EVs become more affordable**

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The launch of a state-wide electric vehicle (EV) fast charging network for Tasmania will incentivise EV uptake by reducing 'range anxiety' according to the RACT.

Speaking at the launch of Tasmania's EV fast charging network in Kings Meadows, RACT CEO Mark Mugnaioni said the organisation was pleased to see the state's fast and ultra-rapid charging network officially opened.

"RACT has advocated for a network of EV charging stations in Tasmania for some time through past State Budget submissions, so to see 14 of these chargers now up and running is a great step forward for our state," Mr Mugnaioni said.

"These 14 chargers will help to incentivise EV ownership by reducing 'range anxiety' issues for drivers, which is particularly important as EVs reach price parity with internal combustion engine vehicles during the mid-2020s."

Mr Mugnaioni said overall there were around 70 dedicated fast and slow charging sites across the state, with some at restricted locations like hotels or carparks. There are also more than 300 registered EVs or plug-in hybrid electric vehicles in Tasmania.

"Tasmania is heading in the right direction when it comes to sustainable transport, with this growth in electric transport also taking advantage of the state's 100% renewable energy profile," he said.

Mr Mugnaioni said RACT is proud to lay claim to seven charging sites across Tasmania.

"We have supported the network through our investment in Chargefox, which helped bring this world-leading fast and ultra-fast charging site to Kings Meadows early last year.

"As part of this investment, Chargefox also has a smart phone app that shows their charging sites and availability. Our Members receive a 20% discount at all ultra-fast Chargefox sites across Australia, which includes the Kings Meadows site.

"We have also installed slow chargers at RACT House in Hobart, Launceston AutoServe as well as at our Destinations properties Freycinet Lodge, Cradle Mountain Hotel and Strahan Village.

“RACT also recently contributed funding to the installation of a slow charger at Bridport,” Mr Mugnaioni said.

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