



CHARGEFOX

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## **Ultra-rapid electric vehicle charging station coming to Tasmania**

Tasmania's first public ultra-rapid electric vehicle (EV) charging station will open in Campbell Town by the end of this year.

Australia's largest and fastest growing open charging network Chargefox, in which RACT is an investor via the Australian Motoring Services (AMS), will install the station. Chargefox is also applying for State Government funding to roll out more chargers throughout the state in the future.

The Campbell Town station will be capable of delivering 400km of range in only 15 minutes (or 200km in eight minutes) and is powered by 100% renewable energy.

Chargefox CEO Marty Andrews said he was very pleased that Tasmania would join the company's ultra-rapid charging network, which covers all other Australian states.

"The station will be a significant development in Tasmania, enabling EV drivers to more easily explore everything that Tasmania has to offer," he said.

"Chargefox has a vision that one day 100% of road transport will be powered by renewable energy and from day one our ultra rapid chargers will be accessible to all drivers."

RACT Executive General Manager, Membership and Community, Stacey Pennicott said the installation of a public ultra-rapid charging station was an important development for Tasmanian and visiting EV drivers.

"We are pleased to see and support the state's first ultra-rapid charging station," she said.

The RACT has called for investment in electric vehicle charging stations around the state in its 2019-20 State Budget submission, provided to the Tasmanian Government late last year as part of the budgetary preparation process.

"The submission says the introduction of these stations will allow locals and tourists to navigate Tasmania easily without experiencing 'range anxiety'," she said.

"RACT Destinations properties have charging stations installed but more are needed in cities, on main highways and in rural and regional areas.

"EV technology is improving, and becoming more affordable, and it is likely that the number of these vehicles in Tasmania will increase in the short to medium-term.

"We will be watching the State Budget on 23 May with great interest to see if investment is being made in this vital infrastructure."

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### ***Background***

**Chargefox** - Chargefox is the biggest and fastest growing open charging network in Australia for modern EVs. It has been operating charging stations across Australia and New Zealand for 12 months and has managed more than 20,000 charging sessions for drivers via its iPhone and Android mobile apps.

The ultra-rapid charging network is an investment by the Australian Motoring Services (RACV, NRMA, RACQ, RAC, RAA and RACT), Wilson Transformers and the founder of Carsales, Greg Roebuck. It is supported with grants from the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) and the Victorian Government.

Chargefox's multiple partnerships with car manufacturers mean that Australians can confidently purchase an EV backed by the Chargefox network.

The free Chargefox app also helps users easily find, use and pay for charging across hundreds of stations in Australia and New Zealand.

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