

## Electric vehicle policy wellington

Electric vehicles (EVs) including plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, are one of New Zealand's biggest opportunities for reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

85% of New Zealand's electricity is generated from renewable sources, and this percentage can be increased even as demand for EV charging increases.

The pricing and capability of electric cars has advanced quickly in a short period of time and they are now practical for many Wellingtonians.

Greater Wellington's support for EVs is part of its wider Climate Change Emergency response. More information this programme can be found on the climate change page.

Greater Wellington has an ambition for Wellington to be the first city in New Zealand with an all-electric bus fleet and out more about that work here.

We have adopted an electric-first policy for our vehicle fleet - this means EVs are the first preference for any new vehicle purchases, unless it can be demonstrated that they are not suitable. We have issued a 30 page paper and the wording of our policy, together with an action sheet with ideas for fleet managers.

How Greater Wellington Regional Council is electrifying its vehicle fleet An information paper for vehicle fleet managers about electric vehicles, charging infrastructure, and practical ideas on how to transition a fleet to electric. Read more here

Electric vehicle action sheet Read more here

We convene the Wellington Regional Electric Vehicle Working Group (REV-WG). It meets quarterly and is open to sector stakeholders and interested parties from throughout NZ. The situation with EV uptake and charging infrastructure in the region and within each district is summarised by REV-WG in six monthly coordination updates.

Wellington Region Electric Vehicle Working Group Building awareness, accelerating adoption and coordinating development of electric vehicles and charging infrastructure throughout the Wellington Region. Read more here

Together with other Wellington Region councils and electricity network companies, we commissioned an advisory report on how these agencies can best support EV uptake. This report was completed in 2019, and its content and recommended strategy so far has been formally endorsed by Greater Wellington and Masterton



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District Councils. The Council will build the suggested measures in the report into its plans as applicable and appropriate.

**Supporting Electric Vehicles in the Wellington Region** The purpose of this report is to aid the Wellington Region stakeholder organisations (specifically the nine councils and three electricity network companies in the region) with taking a coordinated approach... [Read more here](#)

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