



Fire and Rescue NSW

Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety (Staysafe) - Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Batteries

Response to Supplementary Questions

What work is being done to develop electric-vehicle or lithium-battery-specific retardants that may be more effective in controlling and slowing electric vehicle or lithium battery fires?

The potential risk of fire from lithium-ion batteries is not well understood within the community and education is essential to ensure that the public are well informed to take steps to reduce the likelihood and consequences of lithium-ion battery fires.

Fire and Rescue NSW has developed a range of education materials, currently available on its website, and is additionally, in collaboration with its agency partners across NSW Government, now undertaking scoping works to identify requirements and develop a coordinated approach across community education, regulatory reform, research, response procedures, and emergency services training and capability uplift to keep communities safe.